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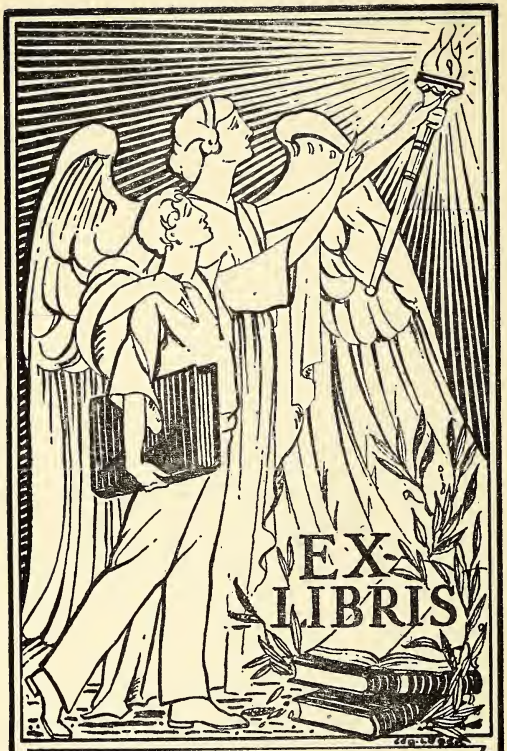

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FOREWORD

Mr. H. J. Wagg, O.B.E., published his *Chronological Survey of Work for the Blind* in 1932, and planned to add a supplement to it in the early forties, in order to bring the story up to date. Paper shortage, however, made it impossible, and unhappily before the work could be carried out Mr. Wagg died, leaving the blind world the poorer for the loss of one of its most single-minded and lovable workers, described by one who knew him well as "an upright and Christian gentleman."

A chronology inevitably lacks proportion, for events of greater and less significance are grouped together, merely because of the link in time. The years covered in the present volume are comparatively few, but they have been ones of considerable development and change. They have included the following—

Educational changes resultant on the Education Act 1944.

A growing recognition of the importance of rehabilitation for those who lose their sight in earlier adult life.

A considerable increase in the numbers of blind persons taking their place in commerce and industry side by side with the seeing.

A change over from domiciliary assistance paid by local authorities to grants from the National Assistance Board.

An increase in the numbers of Homes for blind persons.

The setting up of the four regional bodies, in place of the seven Counties Associations which formed the Union of Counties Associations.

It has often only been possible to give bare details of events which merited fuller descriptions, but it is hoped that the details will serve to direct the inquirer to the more adequate information given in Annual Reports, or the pages of such periodicals as *The New Beacon* or *The Teacher of the Blind.*

The format follows the same general pattern as that of Mr. Wagg's book, except that details relating to prevention of blindness are given in the text instead of in an appendix, and that no attempt has

been made to include information of countries other than England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. A brief summary of legislation is given.

During the years under review, the blind world lost by death some workers of outstanding quality. Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C., Mr. H. J. Wilson, Dr. Eichholz, Dr. P. M. Evans, Mr. W. Tate, and Mr. Ben Purse are men as worthy to be held in grateful remembrance as any of their predecessors, and if blind welfare to-day has reached a degree of excellence of which we are proud, it is due in no small measure to their work.

Thanks are due to Secretaries and Managers of Institutions and Societies for kindness in supplementing or correcting the entries submitted to them.

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SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED 1931–1951

1933

Blind Voters Act

Permitted the blind voter at parliamentary or local elections to take a companion with him to the polling booth, who may mark his ballot paper.

1936

Post Office Amendment Act

Permitted postage at reduced rates of paper to be used for embossing, and certain articles for the use of the blind, including metal plates, playing cards, relief maps, writing frames and (in certain conditions) talking book records.

1938

Blind Persons Act

Reduced the age of eligibility for Blind Old Age Pension from 50 to 40.

Required assistance, other than institutional or medical, given to blind persons, to be given under the Blind Persons Act and not under the Poor Law. In the assessment of need, certain assets were to be disregarded. The needs of the dependants of a blind person were to be taken into account.

Local authorities were empowered to contribute towards funeral expenses of blind persons.

1941

Determination of Needs Act

Section 3 added to assets to be disregarded in case of assessment of need, war savings up to £375.

1943

Determination of Needs Act

In assessment of means for Old Age Pension purposes, financial assistance from a Local Authority to be disregarded.

1944

Education Act

Section 33 placed on Local Education Authorities new responsibilities for provision of education for children suffering from disability of mind or body.

1944

Disabled Persons (Employment) Act

The responsibility of training disabled persons not under sixteen years of age was placed upon the Ministry of Labour.

The Ministry of Labour must maintain a register of disabled persons. Any employer having "a substantial number of employees" must employ a quota or percentage of registered disabled persons. (The percentage was defined by regulations as 3 per cent, and the "substantial number" as twenty.)

1945

Family Allowances Act

An allowance of 5s. per week for each child after the first is payable from birth until school-leaving age. (This amount was increased to 8s. in 1952.)

1946

National Insurance Act

All persons between sixteen and sixty (women) or sixty-five (men) are insured, unless excepted. Cash benefits are provided: Sickness, Unemployment, Maternity, Widows', Guardians', Retirement, Death.

1946

National Health Service Act

All hospitals brought under the control of the Ministry of Health. Provision of certain health services through Local Authorities. Medical, dental, pharmaceutical and supplementary ophthalmic services also provided.

1948

National Assistance Act

Repealed the Blind Persons Act, 1920, completely, and repealed the Blind Persons Act, 1938, except in relation to the definition of a blind person ("so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential"), and to non-contributory Old Age Pension.

Section 29 of the Act deals specially with the blind, and requires

the following services to be provided: Information, Instruction in their own homes or elsewhere, Workshops and hostels, Suitable work, Assistance in marketing of goods, Recreational facilities, Maintenance of classified Registers.

National Assistance to take the place of domiciliary assistance from the Local Authority, blind persons normally to be given such assistance at a higher rate than the seeing.

Part III of the Act requires Local Authorities to provide residential accommodation for persons requiring care and attention "by reason of age, infirmity or any other circumstances." (This part of the Act has done much to stimulate the provision of Homes for the Blind.)

BLIND POPULATION IN ENGLAND AND WALES

31st March,	1931	. .	60,598	31st March,	1941	. .	74,324
,, ,,	1932	. .	62,079	,, ,,	1942	. .	75,306
,, ,,	1933	. .	63,408	,, ,,	1943	. .	76,507
,, ,,	1934	. .	64,842	,, ,,	1944	. .	76,145
,, ,,	1935	. .	66,119	,, ,,	1945	. .	75,758
,, ,,	1936	. .	67,521	,, ,,	1946	. .	75,897
,, ,,	1937	. .	69,378	,, ,,	1947	. .	76,004
,, ,,	1938	. .	71,875	,, ,,	1948	. .	77,390
,, ,,	1939	. .	74,494	,, ,,	1949	. .	78,579
,, ,,	1940	. .	74,418	,, ,,	1950	. .	81,320
					1951	. .	83,464

TABLE SHOWING AGE-GROUPS IN 1931 AND IN 1950

Age Group	As at 31st March, 1931	As at 31st March, 1950
0– 1	12	28
1– 5	213	328
5–16	2,355	1,364
16–21	1,667	950
21–50	14,740	14,057
50–70	23,409	26,944
Over 70	17,568	37,601
Unknown	634	48
	60,598	81,320

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1931

ABBOTSKERSWELL

The National Institute for the Blind opened Court Grange School for Mentally Retarded Children.

BIRMINGHAM

The National Deaf-blind Helpers League began publication of *The Braille Rainbow* (Hon. Editor, Mrs. E. M. Taylor). Two years later *The Moon Rainbow* began publication.

BRADFORD

The Royal Institution for the Blind was taken over by the City Council.

CROYDON

The Croydon Voluntary Association for the Blind opened a hall at Bedford Park.

EAST GRINSTEAD

The National Institute for the Blind formally opened Sunshine House, as a residential nursery school for young blind children.

EDINBURGH

The Royal Blind Asylum and School opened administrative premises at Gillespie Crescent.

GLASGOW

The Scottish National Institution for Blinded Sailors and Soldiers re-opened its workshops at Queen's Crescent after reconstruction.

LEICESTER

The Wycliffe Society for Helping the Blind opened a Home of Rest and named it after Mr. Edwin Crew, President of the Society.

LONDON

College of Teachers of the Blind. The College, with the National

Institute for the Blind, set up a Committee of inquiry into the education of the blind, which published its Report in 1936. (See Bibliography.)

London County Council

The Council reversed its decision of the previous year, not to appoint blind teachers in schools for the blind.

Ministry of Health

Mr. F. R. Lovett (Ministry of Health) and Dr. Underwood (Board of Education) attended the World Conference on Work for the Blind, New York, as representatives of the British Government. Voluntary organizations sending representatives included St. Dunstan's, National Institute for the Blind, College of Teachers, etc.

National Institute for the Blind

(See also Abbotskerswell, East Grinstead.) The Institute opened a Museum of Blindiana at its headquarters.

MANCHESTER

Mr. W. H. Thurman, formerly Inspector of Blind Welfare, Ministry of Health, was appointed Director of Henshaw's Institution for the Blind, in succession to Mr. A. Bannister.

Henshaw's Institution opened the Thomas Briggs Lomas Home for Men at Rhyl, in place of Gresham House, Old Trafford. Birch Avenue Home for Women was closed.

Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society opened a Home for the Blind at Oakhurst, Pendleton.

The Northern Counties Association modified its constitution "to adapt the Association to changing needs" resultant on the Local Government Act 1929.

REIGATE

The Ellen Terry National Homes (Servers of the Blind League) were extended by the opening of Daffodil House, for girls from twelve to sixteen years of age.

STOKE ON TRENT

Stoke on Trent and North Staffs Committee for the Care of the Blind transferred its duties to the Blind Welfare Committee of the City Council.

WAKEFIELD

The Workshop for the Blind was closed. The City Council assumed responsibility for statutory duties.

WALLASEY

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association opened a Training School.

1932

ABERDARE

Aberdare and District Blind Welfare Association opened a Social Centre.

BATH

Bath Society for the Blind opened workshops and room for social gatherings in Newark Street.

BLACKBURN

Blackburn and District Workshops for the blind were municipalized.

BOLTON

Bolton Workshops and Homes for the Blind were municipalized.

BRISTOL

Mr. E. H. Getliff (formerly of Birmingham) succeeded Mr. P. Gray as Principal of the Royal School of Industry for the Blind.

DARLINGTON

Darlington Society for the Blind transferred statutory duties to the Local Authority.

EDINBURGH

Mr. C. H. W. G. Anderson, B.Sc., succeeded Mr. W. M. Stone, who retired after twenty-eight years' service, as Superintendent and Headmaster of the Royal Blind Asylum and School.

The knitwear department of the Royal Blind Asylum was transferred from the school to Gillespie Crescent.

The Edinburgh Public Parks Committee presented a recreation ground to the Edinburgh Blind Social Club.

GLASGOW

The Glasgow and West of Scotland Mission to the Outdoor Blind appointed Mr. J. Irving as Superintendent.

IPSWICH

Ipswich Blind Society opened a workshop.

LEICESTER

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Institution for the Blind was permitted to add "Royal" to its title.

LIVERPOOL

The School for the Blind opened new buildings in Hardman Street, with workshops, retail shop, offices, etc.

The Liverpool Home Teaching Society opened a second house in Kelvin Grove, for the accommodation of blind women.

LONDON

Board of Education. A Committee was set up to study problems relating to the education of partially sighted children. Its report was published in 1934.

London Association for the Blind. Appointment of Mr. G. C. Haines, in succession to Captain G. Pollard, as Secretary of the Association.

National Institute for the Blind. The Institute and American Printing House for the Blind made an agreement for interchange of Braille books.

A kiosk for sale of cigarettes and confectionery was opened by the Institute and placed in charge of a blind man.

Dr. Helen Keller opened a new Massage School and Evening Clinic at the Institute.

A Bureau for blind shorthand typists was opened at 224 Gt. Portland Street, W.1.

Miss N. Catty, M.A. was appointed to advise on nursery school methods in the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies.

A model electric talker for teachers of deaf-blind pupils was produced.

National Library for the Blind. A Conference of British and American Braillists was held, and agreement reached, with the adoption of Standard English Braille as a uniform code.

Royal Normal College for the Blind. Memorial Gateway opened to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Sir Francis Campbell, and the Principalship of his son, Guy Campbell, who succeeded him in 1912.

Sir Beachcroft Towse ex-Service Fund for the Blind. The fund for ex-Servicemen whose blindness is non-attributable to war service

(founded in 1923) was reconstituted. It works under the auspices of St. Dunstan's, the National Institute for the Blind and the British Legion.

MANCHESTER

The Northern Counties Association for the Blind set up a referee service of ophthalmologists.

An Employment sub-Committee was set up by the Association, to investigate the possibilities of new trades for the blind.

NORWICH

The Norwich Institution for the Blind opened a new basket-shop, and named it after Mr. H. Carter, for many years Treasurer of the Institution.

ST. ALBANS

St. Raphael's Guest House was opened by the St. John's Guild for the Blind, in place of the earlier Home for Blind Ladies in Blenheim Road.

SOUTHSEA

Closing of Hants and Isle of Wight School for the Blind (founded 1864). (See 1933.)

SUNDERLAND

Sunderland and Durham County Incorporated Royal Institution for the Blind opened extended premises.

1933

ABERDEEN

The Aberdeen Asylum for the Blind opened new clubrooms and dining hall.

BARNSLEY

Joint Blind Welfare Committee set up, to carry out voluntary services, statutory duties being performed by the Local Authority.

BIRMINGHAM

The Royal Institution for the Blind appointed Mr. H. S. Edkins as General Superintendent and Secretary, in succession to Mr. S. W. Starling. A sick ward was added to the Cowley Home for Blind Women.

COLNE

The Colne Blind Aid and Prevention Society founded a Social Centre, to be opened daily.

COLWYN BAY

Opening of White Heather Seaside Home for Blind Children.

DUNDEE

New clubrooms added to the Royal Dundee Institution for the Blind.

The Webster and Davidson Mortification for the Blind was modified, and its income devoted only to educational purposes.

INVERNESS

The Northern Counties Institute appointed Mr. W. Gray as Industrial Manager, in succession to Mr. W. B. Moore, who retired after thirty years' service.

LEATHERHEAD

The Home for Blind Women, under the auspices of the Royal School for the Blind, was transferred from Effingham to a house at Leatherhead.

LEEDS

The Leeds Institution for the Blind opened a mattress-making department (extended in 1935).

LONDON

Association of Workshops for the Blind. The Association revised its constitution, to make the General Executive representative of regional sub-Committees. Mr. S. W. Starling was appointed Hon. Secretary, in succession to Lieut. Col. H. Willans.

Incorporated Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind. Mr. S. W. Starling was appointed as Secretary and General Manager, in succession to Lieut-Col. (later Major-General) H. Willans.

Indigent Blind Visiting Society. This Society, with the approval of the Charity Commissioners, took over the work of the South London Association for Assisting the Blind. The I.B.V.S. purchased a house at Hackney, for conversion into flats for blind persons and their families.

Joint Blind Welfare Committee. This Committee was set up by the Association of Municipal Corporations and County Councils Association.

Metropolitan Society for the Blind. Mrs. Trevor Edwards was appointed as Secretary, in succession to the late Miss Dorothy Jones.

National Institute for the Blind. Appointment of an Employment Officer, for a term of three years, to inquire into the possibility of new trades in workshops for the blind.

The Institute produced an improved Stainsby Braille writer.

MANCHESTER

The Northern Counties Association for the Blind, with the Northern Counties Association for the Deaf, set up a Regional Consultative Committee on the Deaf-Blind.

NEWCASTLE

The Royal Victoria School for the Blind opened a new technical department.

OLDHAM

The Workshops for the Blind opened an extension, with showrooms, offices and workshops.

OXFORD

The City Council took over statutory duties within the city of Oxford from the Oxford City and County Society for the Blind.

A workshop for the blind was opened in Paradise Street.

PORTSMOUTH

The City of Portsmouth Workshops for the Blind were extended.

SOUTHSEA

The Hants and Isle of Wight Trust for the Blind was inaugurated, for the provision of educational, medical and other benefits.

TYNEMOUTH

Tynemouth Blind Welfare Society transferred its duties to the Local Authority.

WEST HARTLEPOOL

West Hartlepool Workshops for the Blind opened a new Welfare Hall.

YORK

The Yorkshire School for the Blind celebrated its centenary.

1934

BELFAST

St. Brigid's School and Home for the Blind moved to Abbeyville, Whiteabbey.

BRIGHTON

The Moon Society formed a new Board of Directors, with four representatives of the National Institute for the Blind and four of American organizations for the blind.

BRISTOL

The National Institute for the Blind closed its Clifton Home for Blind Women.

EDINBURGH

The Royal School for the Blind published a new quarterly, *The Church of Scotland Braille Magazine.*

HOVE

The National Institute for the Blind opened a new Home for Blind Women at Wavertree House, closing its Home at Queen's Road, Brighton.

HULL

Hull and East Riding Institute for the Blind opened the Sir Philip Reckitt Hall as a social centre.

LONDON

Association of Municipal Corporations and County Councils Association. These Associations adopted a report of their Joint Blind Welfare Committee on the reorganization of Voluntary Associations. The three main recommendations of the report were—

1. That in the interests of uniformity all blind welfare undertaken by voluntary associations be correlated by one national body, acting in an advisory capacity.

2. That this body be the National Institute for the Blind, suitably reorganized to provide increased representation of local authorities and divested of any local functions.

3. That England and Wales be divided into four regional areas.

The report set out the recommended functions of the national, regional, and local bodies.

It was critically received by certain organizations, especially the National Library for the Blind, the College of Teachers and the

Associations of Workshops, and was referred back to the Joint Blind Welfare Committee, which issued a revised scheme in 1936.

College of Teachers of the Blind. Appointment of Mr. W. M. Stone as Hon. Secretary in succession to Miss M. Garaway, and of Dr. J. M. Ritchie as Hon. Registrar in succession to Mr. F. I. Stainsby.

Indigent Blind Visiting Society. The Society celebrated its centenary.

London County Council. The Council closed three Junior Day Schools for the Blind, in view of declining numbers of blind children.

Middlesex Association for the Blind. Miss E. Moody Stuart was appointed Secretary, in succession to Miss J. Lloyd.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Brighton, Bristol, Hove.) H.R.H. the Duke of Windsor (then Prince of Wales) formally opened the Alfred Eichholz Memorial Clinic and Institute of Massage and Physiotherapy by the Blind, given by Mr. William Eichholz in memory of Dr. A. Eichholz.

The Institute, with Gardner's Trust for the Blind, set up three scholarships at the School of English Church Music, Chislehurst.

Publication was begun by the N.I.B. of *The Braille Chess Magazine.* The Institute placed the Balding Diagram Machine on the market.

Royal Normal College for the Blind. Appointment of Mr. W. M. Stone as Principal of the College, in succession to Mrs. Guy Campbell, who had been associated with the College for forty-six years.

St. Dunstan's. The honour of knighthood was conferred on Captain Ian Fraser, C.B.E., M.P., Chairman of St. Dunstan's.

Manchester

The Northern Counties Association for the Blind appointed Mr. J. Challinor as Secretary, in succession to Mrs. Cowley.

Norwich

The Norwich Institution for the Blind opened a new brush-making department and other extensions.

South Shields

The South Shields Institution for the Blind opened a Social Centre and Women's Workshops at Wood Terrace.

Stoke on Trent

The Blind Welfare Committee opened workshops, with administrative block, at High Street East, Fenton, and sales and showroom at Broad Street, Hanley.

1935

BELFAST

The Association for the Employment of the Industrious Blind opened new headquarters, with large workshops.

BLACKPOOL

Blackpool and Fylde Society for the Blind opened workshop and social centre.

CARDIFF

The functions of the Minister of Health in relation to blind welfare in Wales, other than matters relating to old age pensions, were transferred to the Welsh Board of Health.

CHELMSFORD

The Essex County Association for the Blind transferred statutory duties to the County Council, retaining certain welfare services.

CHESTER

The Blind Welfare Society opened a shop.

CHORLEYWOOD

Chorleywood College opened a Junior Department for boys and girls from five to nine years.

An open air swimming bath was opened.

EDINBURGH

The Royal Blind Asylum and School celebrated its centenary.

GLASGOW

The Royal Blind Asylum was transferred from Castle Street to premises at 111, Saracen Street, N.

Dr. A. J. Ballantyne was appointed to the newly established part-time Chair of Ophthalmology in the University of Glasgow.

LEEDS

The Leeds Institution for the Blind opened a new wing.

LONDON

Incorporated Association for Promoting General Welfare of Blind. Soap-making department opened, in addition to cigarette-making by blind women, begun in the previous year.

Indigent Blind Visiting Society. A Home for Blind Men was opened at Forest Hill.

Mrs. Hamilton, Secretary of the Society for eighteen years, died, and was succeeded by Mrs. Boltman.

International Association for Prevention of Blindness. The General Assembly of the Association met in London.

Metropolitan Society for the Blind. The Society's statutory duties were transferred to the London County Council, but the Society retained responsibility for certain blind welfare services, including pastime occupations and supervision of social centres.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Chorleywood). A tablet was placed by the L.C.C. on 33 Cambridge Square, with the words: "Thomas Rhodes Armitage (1824–1890) Friend of the Blind, lived here."

The Institute, with St. Dunstan's, inaugurated the Talking Book Library service; the Treasury placed records of speech adapted for the blind on the free list, in relation to import duty.

Two Clear Type readers were produced by the Institute, and supplied free of charge to Local Education Authorities, in order that their suitability for partially sighted children might be tested.

The Pyke-Glauser upward Braille writer was placed on the market.

Servers of the Blind League. The Ellen Terry Homes at Reigate were certified by the Board of Control for the admission of blind mentally defective children.

Luton

The South Beds Society for the Blind opened headquarters and a social centre in Williamson Street.

Manchester

Henshaw's Institution for the Blind appointed Mr. T. L. Williams as headmaster, in succession to Mr. J. A. Hanley who died.

Newcastle on Tyne

Workshops for the Adult Blind, the property of the Local Authority, were opened at Whickham View, to replace those in Breamish Street.

The Royal Victoria School for the Blind opened a Training Centre for women at Benwell Grange.

NORTH BERWICK

The Scottish National Institution for the War-Blinded opened a Holiday Home.

NOTTINGHAM

The Royal Midland Institution opened a Welfare Department, with dining hall and social centre.

PORTSMOUTH

The Blind Persons Act Committee, with the Portsmouth Voluntary Association for the Blind, opened the Jubilee Home for the Blind.

SHEFFIELD

The Royal Institution for the Blind opened Cairn Home for Blind Men.

WALSALL

Walsall, Wednesbury and District Society for the Blind transferred responsibility for the workshop to the Walsall Borough Council and Staffs County Council. New workshops for the blind were opened.

1936

ACCRINGTON

Accrington and District Institution for the Blind opened new workshop and clubrooms.

BRIGHTON

The Moon Society began publication of *The Moon Messenger*.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS

West Suffolk Voluntary Association for the Blind founded, to provide welfare services, mainly social.

EDINBURGH

The Royal Blind Asylum began publication of *The Science Journal*, a Braille monthly.

GLAMORGAN

The Glamorgan Association for the Blind ceased to function.

GORLESTON

The East Anglian School for the Blind opened a swimming pool.

HOYLAKE

The National Deaf-Blind Helpers League opened Fellowship House as a Holiday Home for the deaf-blind.

KINGSTON ON THAMES

The Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind transferred statutory duties to the Local Authority.

LEWES

The East Sussex County Association for the Blind appointed Miss E. Salisbury as Secretary, in succession to Miss Bancalari.

LITTLEHAMPTON

The Middlesex Association for the Blind opened a Holiday Home.

LONDON

Association of Municipal Corporations and County Councils Association. These Associations adopted a revised report (see 1934) of their Joint Blind Welfare Committee, on the reorganization of voluntary Associations. The revised report again recommended that in the interests of uniformity, all blind welfare undertaken by voluntary associations be correlated by one national body, this body being the National Institute for the Blind. They recommended, however, that the National Library for the Blind, the College of Teachers and the Association of Workshops should, subject to certain conditions, continue as separate entities.

The proposal that England and Wales be divided into four regional areas was amended, and a division into five areas substituted, which left the six western counties to form one area, instead of being grouped with certain others.

The revised scheme was again critically received, especially by the organizations which had already been dissatisfied with it, and an alternative proposal of a National Council of Blind Welfare was put forward by them.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Brighton, Manchester, and Worcester.) Lord Nuffield, who had contributed £5000 towards the development of the Talking Book service, promised thirteen half-yearly payments of £2500 for the same object.

National Library for the Blind. Opening of new buildings in Tufton Street, with accommodation for 250,000 volumes.

Royal Normal College for the Blind. The College revised its constitution, enlarging its General Council.

St. Dunstan's. St. Dunstan's celebrated its twenty-first anniversary.

United London Workshops for the Blind (*Sales*), *Ltd.* This organization was founded, to further central marketing and to eliminate inter-workshop competition.

LUTON

New County Workshops were opened, with offices, craft-rooms, etc.

MANCHESTER

Miss K. Allison, a member of the staff of the N.I.B., was seconded to the Northern Counties Association for the Blind, to make a survey on the deaf-blind. (Her report was published by the N.I.B. as Bulletin 13 *The Deaf-Blind.*)

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE

Newcastle and Gateshead Home Teaching Society opened the Sutherland Memorial Hall as offices and social centre.

NEWPORT (MON)

Arrangements were made for the administration by the Newport Borough Council and Monmouth Borough Council of the Newport Institute for the Blind.

SOUTHPORT

Opening by Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society of extension to the Godfrey Ermen Memorial Home.

STOKE ON TRENT

The Blind Welfare Committee of the City Council opened the King George V Memorial Home for the Blind.

SUNDERLAND

Sunderland and Durham County Royal Institution for the Blind renamed its school as the Barbara Priestman School for the Blind. (The school was closed three years later.)

WALTHAMSTOW

The Walthamstow Committee for the Care of the Blind transferred its general welfare work to the Essex County Council, retaining its social activities and taking the title of Walthamstow Social Centre for the Blind.

WORCESTER

The Governors of Worcester College drew up a new trust deed, placing the conduct of the College in the hands of a Governing Body of not more than sixteen persons, nine being nominated by the N.I.B., which undertook to be responsible for the finances of the College.

WORTHING

The London Association for the Blind closed its Home for Blind Men at High Salvington.

1937

ABERDEEN

Retirement of the Rev. P. Taylor, Chairman of the Aberdeen Town and County Association for the Blind, and associated with the work since its inception in 1879.

BANGOR

The North Wales Society took over responsibility for the blind in East Denbighshire from the Chester Blind Welfare Society.

BELFAST

The Blind Welfare Association for Northern Ireland was founded.

BIRMINGHAM

Mr. T. L. Williams was appointed Principal of the Royal School for the Blind in succession to Miss J. I. Falconer, O.B.E., who retired after twenty-five years' service.

Social and Handicraft Centre opened in Easy Row.

Cowley Home for Blind Women extended.

BOURNEMOUTH

The Blind Aid Society opened a Home for Blind Women and Social Centre.

BRISTOL

The Royal Blind Asylum opened reconstructed buildings, with workshops and welfare centre, in St. George's Road.

Supervision of home workers extended to Somerset and Dorset.

DEVIZES

Wilts County Association for the Care of the Blind opened a retail shop.

DOUGLAS

Manx Blind Welfare Society founded to provide home teaching and social amenities; statutory duties are carried out by the Board of Social Services.

DUNDEE

The Dundee Mission to the Outdoor Blind opened Mundamalla, Newtyle, as a Holiday Home.

GLASGOW

The Glasgow and South West Scotland Joint Committee extended the Possilpark Branch of the Royal Glasgow Asylum by opening workshops (the largest in Britain) capable of providing for 500 workers.

INVERNESS

The Northern Counties Institute enlarged its workshops, to give better accommodation to the mattress-making department.

LONDON

Ministry of Health. The Public Health (Ophthalmia Neonatorum) Amendment Regulations 1937 required all notifications of ophthalmia neonatorum to be sent to the Medical Officer of Health of the Maternity and Child Welfare Authority.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also New Romney.) The Institute reconstituted and enlarged its Executive Council, to include five groups representing Regional Bodies, Local Government Bodies, Agencies for the Blind and National Bodies, Organizations of Blind Persons and a National Group, together with two life members.

Publication begun of a Braille edition of *The K. H. Newsletter* (now *The National Newsletter*).

North London Homes for the Blind. Mr. T. Wesley Kissack was appointed Superintendent.

Royal Normal College for the Blind. Dr. J. N. Langdon was appointed Principal in succession to Mr. W. M. Stone.

Union of Counties Associations for the Blind. The Union was agreed that:

1. As neither the scheme of reorganization of the Joint Blind Welfare Committee nor that of a National Council of Blind Welfare was generally acceptable, it was desirable that both schemes remain in abeyance.

2. Subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health to take over certain functions of the Union, especially in relation to Prevention of Blindness, the Union should terminate its activities on 31st March, 1938.

MANCHESTER

Henshaw's Institution for the Blind appointed Mr. C. B. Fox (Assistant Director) as Superintendent and Secretary, in succession to Mr. T. H. Thurman (Director).

The Institution celebrated its centenary.

Mr. C. E. Spurgeon was appointed headmaster, in succession to Mr. T. L. Williams.

NEW ROMNEY

The National Institute for the Blind opened Pirates' Spring, as a School Journey Centre and Holiday Home.

NOTTINGHAM

The Day School for the Blind, Forest Row, was closed, owing to decline in numbers of blind children.

The Royal Midland Institution for the Blind appointed Mr. A. C. V. Thomas formerly of Wolverhampton as Superintendent and Secretary, in succession to Mr. Miles Priestley.

OLDHAM

The Blind Persons Committee opened a pavilion and recreation ground for the blind in Alexandra Park, on land provided by the Parks Committee.

PORTSMOUTH

Retirement of Commander C. F. Langmaid, Secretary of the Portsmouth Voluntary Association for the Blind since its inception.

SWINDON

The Wilts County Association for the Blind opened the Alfred Williams Memorial Social Centre.

WAKEFIELD

Administrative duties in the Wakefield area (apart from the city) were handed over to the West Riding County Council. Miss E. Robinson, Secretary of the Wakefield and District Institution for the Blind, retired after twenty-three years' service.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Wolverhampton, Dudley, and Districts Institution appointed Mr. J. Chamberlain as Superintendent and Secretary, in succession to Mr. A. C. V. Thomas.

WORTHING

West Sussex County Council, in co-operation with the Worthing Society for the Blind, opened a Home for the Blind.

1938

The year was marked by the passing of the Blind Persons Act 1938, the main provisions of which are given on page 1.

AIRDRIE (Lanarkshire)

The Joint Blind Welfare Committee for the South West of Scotland opened a Home for the Aged Blind at Cairnhill.

BRIGHTON

St. Dunstan's opened a Convalescent and Holiday Home at Ovingdean, with accommodation for about 130 men.

The Brighton Society for the Blind appointed Miss M. Hallam as Secretary in succession to Miss E. Munro Ritchie, a worker for the blind in Brighton for thirty-eight years.

BRISTOL

The Royal Blind Asylum and School of Industry appointed Mr. E. H. Getliff as General Superintendent of the School, Workshops, Home Workers and Home Teaching departments, in succession to Mr. C. W. Stevens, who retired after forty years' service.

CHESTER

The activities of the North Western Counties Association for the Blind were taken over by the Northern Counties Association (now the North Regional Association) for the Blind.

EDINBURGH

The Royal Blind Asylum and School extended its school premises, by the addition of seven new classrooms.

Opening of the W. H. Ross Foundation for the Study of Prevention of Blindness at 20 Lauriston Place. Col. R. M. Dickson was appointed Director. (The Foundation had been registered in 1935.)

EXETER

Mr. W. H. Souter, senior music master and a member of the staff of the West of England School for the Blind since 1901, retired.

LEEDS

The West Riding County Council assumed direct control of services to the blind in the area, previously carried out by the Leeds Institution for the Blind, Deaf, and Dumb.

LINCOLN

The Eastern Counties Association for the Blind ceased to exist, its activities being taken over by the Southern Regional Association for the Blind.

LONDON

College of Teachers of the Blind. A report was published on the status and emoluments of home teachers.

Jewish Blind Society. The Society began to deal with all Jewish blind refugees.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Worcester.)

The Institute celebrated the fourth centenary of the English Bible by holding an Exhibition of Embossed Bibles.

The publication was begun of a Braille quarterly, *The Theological Times.*

Mrs. Chaplin Hall, Secretary of the Institute's Massage Department and School, was awarded the O.B.E.

National Library for the Blind. A gift of embossed books was received from the Jewish Institute for the Blind in Vienna, for the use of refugees.

North London Homes for the Blind. New buildings in Hanley Road, including a large hospital wing, were opened, with accommodation for 110 residents.

Royal London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind. New workshops to accommodate about 275 workers, and new administrative offices were opened in Salusbury Road.

Southern Regional Association for the Blind. The South Eastern and London Counties Association for the Blind, Midland Counties Association for the Blind and Eastern Counties Association for the Blind ceased to exist, transferring their activities to a newly-formed advisory and consultative body, the Southern Regional Association for the Blind, representative of Local Authorities and voluntary agencies for the blind in London and twenty-six counties. Miss V. Spenser Wilkinson was appointed Secretary. During the year, the

Southern Regional Association held the first of its Conferences of workers for the blind, which form one of its many activities.

Union of Counties Associations for the Blind. The Union ended its work, after twenty-nine years of valuable service to the blind, mainly under the direction of its first Chairman, Mr. H. J. Wilson and his successor, Dr. P. M. Evans. The Standing Committee on Prevention of Blindness transferred its work to the Ministry of Health.

Newcastle on Tyne

The Royal Victoria School for the Blind celebrated its centenary.

Newport (Mon)

The Wales and Monmouthshire Regional Council was founded, taking over work previously done by the North Western Counties Association for the Blind in North Wales and by the South Wales and Monmouth Counties Association for the Blind in South Wales.

The Association for the Blind of Newport and the County of Monmouth was founded. Mr. F. L. Watkins was appointed Secretary.

Nottingham

The Royal Midland Institution for the Blind opened a Daytime Club for the use of unemployable blind persons, in Chaucer Street.

Rochdale

The Rochdale Blind Welfare Society, through the generosity of Sir Samuel Turner opened a new Club and offices, as a memorial to Mr. Collins, previous Hon. Secretary.

West Ham

Municipal workshops for the blind, with accommodation for about sixty men, were opened at West Ham Lane.

Worcester

The Governors of Worcester College for the Blind appointed Mr. B. O. Bradnack as headmaster, in succession to Mr. G. C. Brown who retired after twenty-five years' service.

Yarmouth

The Norwich Institution for the Blind and the Yarmouth Welfare of the Blind Committee opened a showroom and workshop.

1939

NOTE. The outbreak of war in September of this year had a marked effect on work for the blind. War damage to institutions for the blind, cases of civilians blinded by enemy action, problems of evacuation and the demand for labour due to the calling-up of sighted persons were among the outstanding features of the war years.

AYLESBURY

The Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind appointed Mr. Yea as Secretary.

BIRMINGHAM

The Royal Institution for the Blind accommodated its technical trainees at Harborne, and transferred its home workers' department to premises adjoining the new technical training departments. Miss E. Morley, headmistress of the Kindergarten of the Royal Institution, retired after thirty-five years' service.

BRADFORD

The Blind Persons Act Committee closed Springbank Home for Women, transferring its residents to Oakhurst Hostel, Manningham Lane.

BRIGHTON

The Moon Society began publication of *The Moon Magazine* in Grade 2 Moon, and published a new magazine *The Light of the Moon* in Standard Moon.

The Brighton Society for the Welfare of the Blind opened new headquarters in Preston Road, with offices and rooms for a Social Club for the Blind.

St. Dunstan's Convalescent Home, Ovingdean, was presented with an operating theatre wing by Lord Nuffield.

BUSHEY (Herts)

The Jewish Blind Society opened a Home for blind refugees.

CAMBRIDGE

The Eastern Counties branch of the National Institute for the Blind was moved to Cambridge from Peterborough.

CHALFONT ST. GILES

The National Society for Epileptics, in co-operation with the

National Institute for the Blind, opened a class for epileptic blind children.

DUNDEE

The Royal Dundee Institution for the Blind appointed Mr. F. Hubby as Manager in succession to Captain J. L. Cumming.

EDINBURGH

The Royal School for the Blind began publication of *Madam*, a Braille magazine for women.

EXETER

The West of England Institution for the Blind celebrated its centenary.

HARROGATE

The National Institute for the Blind opened a Home for the Deaf-Blind at Westlands, Cold Bath Road.

LEATHERHEAD

On the outbreak of war, the Royal School for the Blind handed over its buildings to the Government, and, after a short period of evacuation, the blind residents were housed in hostels in the neighbourhood, so that training and employment could be resumed.

LEEDS

The City Council assumed direct control of statutory services in the area, the Leeds Institution for the Blind retaining certain social welfare services.

LONDON

The Blind Social Aid and Literary Union (founded in 1909). This Society was wound up, partly because of declining membership and partly because of the resignation of its Secretary, Mr. H. Royston, on account of failing health.

Board of Education. The Board required all newly-appointed full time craft instructors to obtain the craft instructor's diploma of the College of Teachers of the Blind within two years of appointment.

Gardner's Trust for the Blind. Major N. C. MacMahon, O.B.E., was appointed Secretary of the Trust, in succession to Col. E. C. Clay, C.B.E., Secretary since 1924. Mr. F. J. Belton, Clerk to the Committee, retired after fifty-seven years' service.

London Association for the Blind. The Association completed

rebuilding of its workshops at 90–92 Peckham Road (now known as Pelican House) to which the offices were moved on the outbreak of war.

London County Council. A scheme for training blind persons as telephonists and shorthand-typists was inaugurated.

National Association of Workshops for the Blind. The Association was asked by the Ministry of Supply to act as contracting body for Institutions for the Blind, for supply of goods.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Brighton, Harrogate, and Scarborough.) Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited the headquarters of the Institute, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the buildings by King George V and Queen Mary.

At the request of the Government, the Institute undertook censorship of embossed literature intended for export and of Braille correspondence, throughout the war.

Publication was begun by the Institute of books on current affairs and light literature (Braille *Pandas*) in not more than three volumes, costing 6d. per volume.

Royal London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind. The School for the Blind, Swiss Cottage, left the premises occupied since 1848, and moved to Dorton House, Dorton, near Aylesbury, remaining there permanently after the war.

SCARBOROUGH

The National Institute for the Blind opened The Haven, Holbeck Hill, as a Holiday Home.

SHEFFIELD

The Royal Institution for the Blind opened a new Assembly Hall at 5 Mappin Street.

SWANSEA

The Glyn Vivian Home of Rest for the Blind was enlarged.

WORCESTER

Worcester College for the Blind opened a new wing, with gymnasium, dormitories, and studies.

1940

BIGBURY ON SEA

The National Institute for the Blind opened a small Home of Rest, kindly lent by Mrs. Dence, for persons from danger areas.

BOURNEMOUTH

The London Association for the Blind opened a shop for sale of knitwear.

BRIGHTON

St. Dunstan's temporarily transferred its work from Ovingdean to Church Stretton, where a war hospital and training centre were established, and to Blackpool and Bridport, where Convalescent Homes were set up.

EDINBURGH

The Braille Printing Department (founded 1890) of the Royal Blind Asylum and School celebrated its Jubilee.

The Scottish National Institution for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors was recognized by the Ministry of Pensions as the Scottish centre for training and after-care of the war blinded.

GLASGOW

The Glasgow Municipal Workshops for the Blind appointed Mr. J. Stewart as General Manager, in succession to Mr. G. Danby.

GORING ON THAMES

Captain Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C., Chairman of the National Institute for the Blind, placed his own home, Long Meadow, at the Institute's disposal as a Home of Recovery for civilians blinded by enemy action.

HONLEY (Near Huddersfield)

The Northern Counties Association for the Blind opened the Cinderella Home, for accommodation of blind persons from danger areas.

INVERNESS

With the permission of the Scottish Education Department, the Northern Counties Institute for the Blind gave technical training to a small number of evacuees.

LEAMINGTON SPA

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association transferred its Training Centre from Wallasey to Leamington.

LEEDS

The Blind Section of the Leeds School for the Blind and Deaf was

closed, and pupils transferred to the Yorkshire School for the Blind at York.

LONDON

Incorporated Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind. The offices and workshops at Tottenham Court Road were damaged by enemy action. Office staff and a number of blind workers were given accommodation at the N.I.B. and in workshops at West Ham and at Luton. The office staff returned to Tottenham Court Road in 1943.

Indigent Blind Visiting Society. The offices were destroyed by enemy action.

London County Council. Mr. P. Branscombe was appointed in charge of the Welfare of the Blind department, in succession to Capt. L. M. Nava.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Bigbury and Goring on Thames.) The Institute opened a Register of war-workers for the blind.

North London Homes for the Blind. Residents of the Branch of the North London Homes at Westcliff, Southend on Sea, were removed to London on account of the war. Later in the year, the London Homes were severely damaged by enemy action, and residents were transferred to four homes in or near Bolton. The Home at Westcliffe was sold in 1946.

Royal London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind. The workshops and training department in Eton Avenue were destroyed by enemy action.

Royal Normal College. Retirement of Miss E. Lucas, a member of the staff and previously a pupil of the College, for a period in all of nearly sixty years.

St. Dunstan's. The Talking Books studio and production unit at St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, was totally destroyed by enemy action.

Southern Regional Association for the Blind. The first short Training Course for home teachers was held at the Royal Institution for the Blind, Birmingham.

Capt. Cochrane Barnett became Chairman of the Association.

MANCHESTER

Henshaw's Institution for the Blind was damaged by enemy action.

The Northern Counties Association for the Blind transferred its offices from Manchester to Leeds.

SOUTHAMPTON

The Southampton Association for the Welfare of the Blind opened a Social Club at 43 The Avenue.

1941

ABERDEEN

The Scottish National Federation for the Welfare of the Blind, with the Department of Health for Scotland, prepared a scheme for the welfare of war-blinded civilians.

BICKLEY

The London Association for the Blind Home for Women at Cooper Lodge was damaged by enemy action.

BRIDGNORTH

The National Institute for the Blind opened Oldbury Grange as a Home of Recovery for civilians blinded by enemy action.

BRISTOL

The Royal Blind Asylum extended its supervision of home workers to include Cornwall.

CARDIFF

The Cardiff Institute for the Blind was destroyed by enemy action.

LEEDS

The Northern Counties Association for the Blind opened houses for blind persons from danger areas at Holmfirth (Yorkshire) and Nelson (Lancs).

LIVERPOOL

The Catholic Blind Asylum celebrated its centenary.

LONDON

The Barclay Workshops for Blind Women. The workshops in Crawford Street were taken over by the London Association for the Blind. Shortly afterwards, the head office of the L.A.B. being damaged by enemy action, sections of the knitwear department were transferred to Crawford Street, and the lease of 22 Crawford Street was purchased.

Middlesex Association for the Blind. The Association took over the management of the Cecilia Home for Blind Women.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Bridgnorth, Southport,

Torquay.) The Institute, most generously aided by Lord Nuffield, set up a War Grants Fund, to help blind persons suffering as a result of the war.

A Moon writing appliance was placed on the market.

Southern Regional Association. The Association held its first refresher course for home teachers at the Royal Institution for the Blind, Birmingham.

LUTON

The Incorporated Association for the General Welfare of the Blind took over control on a long lease of the County Workshops for the Blind from the Beds County Council, and transferred its brush-making and soap-making departments from London to Luton.

MACCLESFIELD

Retirement of Miss Whiston, Chairman of the Society for the Blind from 1919, and associated with the work for fifty years.

NORTHAMPTON

Appointment of Mr. S. Jackson as Secretary-Superintendent of the Northampton Association for the Blind.

OXFORD

Miss Ida Mann was appointed Margaret Ogilvy Reader in ophthalmology in the University of Oxford, where Lord Nuffield gave £20,000 to expand the facilities available.

SHREWSBURY

The Royal Normal College for the Blind moved from Upper Norwood to Rowton Castle, near Shrewsbury, and remained there after the war ended.

SOUTHPORT

The Sunshine Home for Blind Babies belonging to the National Institute for the Blind was damaged by enemy action, and the children temporarily transferred to accommodation lent by Mr. and Mrs. Blackett-Ord, at Whitfield Hall, Hexham.

SUNNINGHILL

The Barclay School for Blind and Partially Sighted Girls (now the Barclay School for Partially Sighted Girls) was moved from Brighton, to Little Paddocks, Sunninghill, and remained there after the war ended.

SWANSEA

The workshops of the Swansea and South Wales Institution were destroyed by enemy action.

TORQUAY

The National Institute for the Blind, with the generous help of the British War Relief Society of America, opened America Lodge, Torquay, as a Home of Recovery for the rehabilitation of civilians blinded by enemy action.

WOKING

The Servers of the Blind League opened Arreton House as a Home for Blind Men and Women from bombed areas. The British War Relief Society of America gave generous assistance towards the equipment and the running expenses of the Home.

1942

ABERGELE

The North Wales Society for the Blind opened Llys Onnen, bequeathed to it by Mrs. K. M. Jones, as a Home for the Blind.

BIRMINGHAM

The basket-making department of the Royal Institution for the Blind was damaged by enemy action.

BRISTOL

The Royal Blind Asylum and Workshops were visited by H.M. Queen Mary.

Retirement of Ald. C. T. Budgett (Chairman) after forty-one years' service to the Bristol blind.

DOUGLAS

The Blind Persons Act (Isle of Man) received Royal assent.

GLASGOW

The Mission to the Outdoor Blind appointed Mr. T. J. Mulholland as Secretary.

LEYTONSTONE

The Essex County Association for the Blind opened a hostel for blind women, on the lines of a residential club.

LONDON

Greater London Fund. Mr. R. Hyde Thomson was appointed Chairman, in succession to Dr. P. M. Evans.

Inter-regional Committee. The four Regional Bodies formed an Inter-regional Committee, for the discussion of all matters of common concern.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also St. Leonards and Totteridge.) A scheme drawn up by the Institute for recruitment of blind labour on work of national importance was accepted by the Ministry of Labour and National Service. Employment Exchanges were instructed to consider favourably applications from suitable blind persons.

The Secretary-General of the Institute, Mr. W. McG. Eagar submitted a memorandum *Blind Welfare and Social Security* to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Social Insurance and Allied Services, under the Chairmanship of Sir William (now Lord) Beveridge.

Mr. Edward Evans, formerly headmaster of the East Anglian Schools for the Blind and Deaf, was appointed Assistant Secretary, in succession to Mr. F. I. Stainsby.

Mr. H. H. Coldwell was appointed Head of the Services to the Blind department, in succession to Mr. Ben Purse. Mr. Purse was later awarded the O.B.E. for his services to the blind.

Royal College of Surgeons. The Royal College of Surgeons and Royal Eye Hospital established a Chair of Ophthalmology to which Mr. Arnold Sorsby was elected in 1943.

Servers of the Blind League. The League opened the Robert Spurrier Home for the Blind at Ascot. It was closed in 1947, when Bolney Court Home, near Hayward's Heath, was opened. Mr. Barclay Baron, O.B.E., became Chairman of the League.

Southern Regional Association for the Blind. The Association convened a Conference on the subject of Social Insurance and Allied Services, which was addressed by Miss Horsbrugh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health. (Memoranda were presented to the Inter-Departmental Committee dealing with the matter, by the Regional Associations.)

NEWPORT (Mon)

The Association for the Blind of Newport and Monmouthshire

opened a Workshop for the Blind, with accommodation for about twenty-five workers.

St. Leonards on Sea

The National Institute's Convalescent and Holiday Home was seriously damaged by enemy action.

Shrewsbury

The School Department of the Royal Normal College at Rowton Castle was reorganized at the request of the Board of Education, and became a secondary technical school, receiving boys and girls of twelve upwards, if they were of good intellectual ability, and showed promise of being suitable for training in music, piano-tuning or shorthand-typing.

Totteridge (Herts)

The National Institute for the Blind opened a Home for those needing accommodation as a result of enemy action, including persons who had been bombed out of the Institute's Home at St. Leonards.

Wakefield

The Wakefield and District Institution for the Blind opened a Home for Blind Women in Peterson Road.

York

Part of the Manor, York, was destroyed by enemy action.

The Rev. C. F. Hardy, Principal of the Yorkshire School for the Blind, retired after twenty-seven years' service and was succeeded by Mr. W. P. Swann, formerly of Leeds.

1943

Aberdeen

The Aberdeen Asylum for the Blind celebrated its centenary, and was given permission to add the word "Royal" to its title.

Birmingham

The Royal Institution for the Blind purchased Lickey Grange, near Bromsgrove, as a site for a new school.

Bristol

The Royal Blind Asylum, in commemoration of its hundred and fiftieth anniversary, launched an appeal for the purpose of setting up three Homes for the Blind.

EXETER

Mr. A. Spencer Howard, of the East Anglian School for the Blind, was appointed Headmaster and Superintendent of the West of England Institution for the Blind in succession to Mr. S. G. Prince.

GORLESTON

Appointment of Mr. R. Gough as Headmaster and Superintendent of the East Anglian School for Blind and Deaf Children, in succession to Mr. E. Evans.

INVERNESS

The Northern Counties Institute closed its educational home, owing to decline in the numbers of blind children, transferring the pupils to the Royal School for the Blind, Edinburgh.

LEEDS

The Northern Counties Association for the Blind in its Annual Report for 1942–3 reported the placement of over 400 blind persons in open industry.

LONDON

Association of British Ophthalmologists. The Association, with the Council of British Ophthalmologists formed a Joint Committee to consider the possibility of founding a unified and representative body. (See 1946: Faculty of Ophthalmologists.)

College of Teachers of the Blind. A Report was issued on Replanning of Schools for the Blind.

St. Dunstan's. The Administrative Headquarters of St. Dunstan's were moved from Regent's Park to 9–11 Park Crescent, W.1., on account of war damage.

The Harold Adler Scholarship Fund was founded, for the assistance of St. Dunstaners taking University courses or professional training.

Southern Regional Association for the Blind. A Conference was held, addressed by the Rt. Hon. G. Tomlinson, M.P., to consider the implications of the Tomlinson Report on the employment of the blind.

MANCHESTER

The National Association of Home Teachers of the Blind of England and Wales was founded: "to promote the welfare of the blind by securing such conditions of service for home teachers that the status of the profession will be raised."

NORTHAMPTON

The National Institute for the Blind opened the Katharine Knapp Sunshine Home for Blind Babies.

NOTTINGHAM

The Royal Midland Institution for the Blind celebrated its centenary.

RUGBY

The Warwickshire Association for the Blind purchased Tower House, Hillmorton, as a hostel for the blind women workers; it was opened the following year.

SOUTHAMPTON

The Southampton Association for the Blind, in co-operation with Folland Aircraft Ltd., employed over thirty blind persons at the headquarters of the Association on light engineering jobs.

STAFFORD

The Joint Blind Welfare Committee of the County Council appointed Mr. B. Wilson as Secretary, in succession to Mr. F. Hughes.

WOLVERHAMPTON

The Wolverhampton, Dudley and Districts Institution for the Blind, in co-operation with a Darlaston firm, opened a factory plant for blind workers engaged on inspection of bolts.

WORTHING

Retirement of Miss Brangwin, Hon. Secretary of the Worthing Society for Befriending the Blind, after many years' service.

1944

BRISTOL

The Royal Blind Asylum opened a Home for the Blind at 127 Pembroke Road.

CHORLEYWOOD

Miss P. Monk, headmistress of Chorleywood College for Girls with Little or No Sight since its foundation, retired. She was succeeded in January, 1945, by Miss D. McHugh.

EDINBURGH

The Scottish National Institution for the War-blinded opened

Linburn House, Kirknewton, Midlothian, as a rehabilitation, training and resettlement centre.

EPSOM

The London Association for the Blind purchased Worple Lodge (later renamed Swail House) for conversion into flats for the blind.

INVERNESS

Mr. J. Macdonald was appointed to succeed Mr. W. Anderson, Chairman and previously Hon. Secretary of the Northern Counties Institute for the Blind. He had been associated with the work for forty years.

LEEDS

The Northern Counties Association for the Blind held week-end courses for home teachers near Skipton and Sheffield. Similar courses were held in subsequent years.

LEYTONSTONE

The Essex County Association for the Blind secured a second house, to be used as one-room flatlets by blind persons. Two houses were also taken over by the Association at Thaxted, for blind persons made homeless by enemy action.

LONDON

London County Council. Evening classes for blind persons were arranged by the Council.

Middlesex Association for the Blind. The Association opened Macdonagh House, Ealing, as a Home for the Blind.

Ministry of Labour and National Service. The Ministry, with the Ministry of Information, St. Dunstan's, and the National Institute for the Blind, held a "Back at Work" Exhibition, showing among disabled persons at work, several blind men and women engaged in open industry.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Chorleywood, Northwood, Ventnor.) Captain Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C., Chairman of the National Institute for twenty-four years, resigned on account of age and ill-health. He was elected President of the Institute. His courage and fortitude, in spite of his own handicap of blindness, will be a lasting inspiration to those who knew him.

The School of Massage changed its title to the School of Physiotherapy.

The Institute resumed publication of embossed books of general literature, suspended since 1941 on account of paper shortage.

Southern Regional Association for the Blind. The first week-end course, for home teachers and others, on the causes and prevention of blindness was held at the Royal Eye Hospital, under the direction of Professor Arnold Sorsby.

Royal London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind. Dr. J. M. Ritchie resigned his post of Superintendent and Secretary, after twenty-eight years' service, but continued as Hon. Superintendent until 1950.

Mr. G. Symes, for thirty-four years Manager of the Royal Society's Basket-making department, retired.

University of London. Dr. Arnold Sorsby, holder of the recently-founded Chair of Ophthalmology in the University of London, gave his first two lectures as holder of the Chair.

LYMINGTON

The Hants Association for the Blind, with the co-operation of the County Council, opened Linden House, as a Home for the Blind.

NORTHWOOD

The National Institute for the Blind opened a new Sunshine Home for Blind Babies.

SHEFFIELD

Retirement of Miss E. S. Watts, Superintendent of the Welfare of the Blind Department, and a worker for the blind in Sheffield for over twenty years.

STOKE MANDEVILLE

Two wards were set aside in the Hospital at Stoke Mandeville for St. Dunstan's cases.

SURBITON

The Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind opened 10 Claremont Gardens, as an apartment house for able-bodied blind women.

VENTNOR

The National Institute for the Blind opened a small Home for the Blind at Arno, Park Avenue, bequeathed to the Institute by Mrs. Fisher in 1940.

1945

ABERDEEN

The Aberdeen Town and County Association appointed Mr. A. D. Pollock to succeed Mrs. Moir, Superintendent, who retired after twenty-one years' service.

BELFAST

The Belfast Association for the Employment of the Blind opened a sales shop at 2–4 Bedford Street.

BIRMINGHAM

The Royal Institution for the Blind began experimental employment of the blind on plastic moulding.

BOLTON

Mr. F. Box, for many years Chairman of the North London Homes for the Blind, retired.

The reorganization of the Thomasson School for the Blind was planned by the Bolton Education Committee, as a long-term project.

CLACTON

The Essex County Association for the Blind opened a Home at Clacton.

HAYDON BRIDGE

The Sunshine Home for Blind Babies was removed from Whitfield Hall, near Hexham, to Haydon Park, Haydon Bridge.

HULL

The Hull and East Riding Institution for the Blind acquired Seaborough House, Beverley, as a Home for Blind Women.

LEICESTER

Retirement of Mr. A. C. Cheek, Secretary and Manager of the Royal Leicester Institution for the Blind for thirty-nine years.

LIVERPOOL

Mr. E. Keates was appointed Superintendent of the School for the Indigent Blind, in succession to Mr. S. E. Stevens who retired after over thirty-two years' service.

Under the regional reorganization of schools for the blind, Wavertree School became the primary school for the area, and its senior pupils were transferred to Henshaw's Institution for the Blind, Manchester.

LONDON

Advisory Committee on the Welfare of the Blind. Lord Blanesburgh, Chairman of the Committee, resigned, and was succeeded by Lord Rushcliffe.

Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind. The headquarters were again damaged by enemy action.

Barclay Workshops for Blind Women. Retirement of Mrs. Hattersley Ward, for forty years in charge of the blind knitters and weavers employed by the Workshops.

College of Teachers of the Blind. Retirement of Miss Cramp, Hon. Editor of *The Teacher of the Blind* (the organ of the College). She was succeeded by Mr. T. L. Williams.

Jewish Blind Society. Appointment of Mr. M. Vanson (Assistant Secretary since 1939) as Secretary, in succession to Mr. H. M. Harris, who resigned after many years' service.

A Building Appeal for £100,000 was launched.

London Association for the Blind. Lease of 67 Belgrave Road, formerly used as a Home for Blind Women, was sold.

London County Council. The L.C.C. opened a hostel at Copley Dene, N.6.

Metropolitan Society for the Blind. Office accommodation was given to the Indigent Blind Visiting Society, as a step towards closer co-operation between the two organizations.

Ministry of National Insurance. A deputation representing organizations for the blind waited upon the Minister to put forward the case for a handicap allowance for blind adults.

National Association of Workshops for the Blind. During the war period, the Association secured Government contracts to the value of over £314,600.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Haydon Bridge.) Mr. Godfrey Robinson became Vice-Chairman.

The facilities of the Institute's Homes of Recovery were extended to meet the needs of newly-blinded persons, other than those blinded by enemy action.

Mr. W. McG. Eagar, Secretary-General of the Institute, was awarded the C.B.E. in recognition of work for the blind and other social service.

Mr. Edward Evans resigned his post as Assistant Secretary on being elected to Parliament, and was succeeded by Mr. J. C. Colligan, Secretary of the Institute's branch office in Liverpool.

The Institute arranged with U.N.R.R.A. to allow its Industrial Employment Officer, Mr. E. Boulter, to visit Greece and to advise on employment of the blind there.

A residential hostel for blind workers engaged in open industry was opened at 2 Lancaster Avenue, Wimbledon, and administered by the Institute. N.I.B. opened hostel at 31 Palace Court, Bayswater.

National Library for the Blind. Miss O. Prince, Chief Librarian of the Library and a member of its staff for thirty years, resigned, and was succeeded by Miss C. K. Garvie.

St. Dunstan's. A Committee of scientists appointed, to inquire, among other matters, into the possibility of adapting radar for the use of the blind.

MANCHESTER

Henshaw's Institution for the Blind became a secondary special school for senior pupils.

PRESTON

The Fulwood Homes for the Blind were reorganized and became the Institute of Blind Welfare and School for the Partially Sighted.

WARRINGTON

Mr. A. E. Ledger resigned his post as Superintendent and Secretary of the Warrington, Widnes and District Society for the Blind, on being made Superintendent and Secretary of the Norwich Institution for the Blind. Mr. V. J. Smith succeeded him.

1946

BELFAST

The Minister of Health and Local Government appointed a Blind Welfare Advisory Committee for Northern Ireland.

BRIGHTON

The Brighton School for Blind Boys became a School for the Partially Sighted.

The Brighton Society for the Blind opened a Home in Surrendon Road.

BRISTOL

The Royal Blind Asylum opened its second Home for the Blind at 17 Downleaze.

Reorganization of the Royal School of Industry for the Blind, and transference of its partially sighted pupils to the West of England School for the Partially Sighted, Exeter.

Mr. E. H. Getliff was appointed Hon. Registrar of the College of

Teachers of the Blind, in succession to Dr. Ritchie, and the College offices were transferred to the Royal School of Industry for the Blind, Westbury on Trym, Bristol.

CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind opened a Home at Blantyre, Glisson Road.

CHELTENHAM

Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind opened a Home for the Blind in Albert Road.

EDINBURGH

The Royal Blind Asylum and School opened the Eventide Home for the Blind in Oswald Road, for women needing medical care. A residential Club for young women workers and trainees opened at 21 Craigmillar Park.

The Scottish National Federation for the Welfare of the Blind held its first Summer School for home teachers and blind welfare workers.

EXETER

The West of England Institution for the Blind became a school for the partially sighted.

HARROGATE

Harrogate Society for the Blind, with the National Institute for the Blind, opened Craven Lodge, as a Home for the Blind.

HASTINGS

Hastings Voluntary Association for the Blind opened Healey House, St. Leonards, as a Home for the Blind.

HUNSTANTON

The Isle of Ely Society for the Blind bought Highcliffe as a holiday hostel for the blind.

KINGSTON ON THAMES

Mr. H. G. Lunn, Hon. Secretary of the Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind for twenty-three years, retired.

LEAMINGTON SPA

Miss M. Eeles, Matron of the Sunshine Home for Blind Babies,

retired after twenty-four years' service. She was awarded the M.B.E. in 1949.

LEICESTER

The Royal Leicester Institution for the Blind appointed Mr. C. R. Holt as Secretary.

LONDON

The Faculty of Ophthalmology. This organization was founded, and absorbed the Council of British Ophthalmologists and the Association of British Ophthalmologists.

Joint Blind Welfare Committee. The National Charter for Local Government officers was approved. The Charter was generally accepted by Local Authorities, and greatly improved the status of home teachers of the blind, who belong to the Administrative, Professional, and Technical Division.

London Association for the Blind. The Association sold its house at 93 Grove Lane, S.E.5., which up to 1939 had been used as a Home for Blind Men.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Harrogate and Leamington.) General Sir Hastings Ismay (later Lord Ismay) became Chairman of the Institute's Executive Council.

Visit of Mr. Edward Evans, M.P., to Germany, to advise the National Institute for the Blind and the Council of British Societies for Relief Abroad on problems of blindness in the British zone.

The Institute, in co-operation with the Colonial Office, arranged for two members of its staff, accompanied by a Colonial Office official, to visit Middle East and certain African territories in order to report on the condition of the blind and the causes of blindness.

The Technical Research Committee produced the Du-Plat Taylor Map and Diagram Embossing machine.

National Library for the Blind. Lord Normanby was appointed Chairman of the Library on the death of Lord Blanesburgh, Chairman and President.

Servers of the Blind League. Miss Waud was appointed Organizing Secretary, in succession to Miss Lambe, Organizing Secretary for over twenty years.

Southern Regional Association for the Blind. The Association transferred its Training Course for home teachers from Birmingham to London.

Publication was begun of *The Southern Regional Review*, giving items of the Association's work.

LOUTH

The Lindsey Blind Society opened The Sycamores, as a Home for the Blind.

NELSON

The lease of Springhill House having expired, it was purchased by the National Institute for the Blind, and let, at a peppercorn rent, to the Northern Counties Association for the Blind. The Association purchased the Home at Holmfirth.

NEWTON ABBOT

Retirement of Miss L. King, M.B.E., Hon. Secretary of the Western Counties Association for the Blind for thirty-one years, and a distinguished worker for the blind and the deaf-blind.

NOTTINGHAM

The Royal Midland Institution for the Blind was approved as a Special School for the Further Education and Training of the Blind.

SOUTHAMPTON

The Welfare of the Blind Committee of the Local Authority opened Hillfield as a Home for the Aged Blind.

STOKE ON TRENT

Mr. S. Folwell, headmaster of the Blind and Deaf School from 1925 to 1944, and later Superintendent, received a presentation in recognition of services extending over forty-four years.

SUNDERLAND

The Sunderland and Durham Royal Institution for the Blind was recognized by the Ministry of Labour as a training centre for students over twenty-one.

SUNNINGHILL

The Barclay School for Blind Girls became a school for the partially sighted.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

The Kent County Association took over the Tunbridge Wells Workshops.

WEST HARTLEPOOL

The Hartlepool Workshops for the Blind opened Fairlawn, Grange Road, as a Home for the Blind.

1947

BIRMINGHAM

The Royal Institution for the Blind celebrated its centenary.

BOURNEMOUTH

The London Association for the Blind opened Orton Rigg as a Holiday Home for both sexes; married couples, with their children up to the age of ten, were accepted.

BURNHAM ON SEA

Cardiff Institute for the Blind opened The Hall, as a Holiday Home for blind persons from Cardiff; the house had previously been used as a wartime Home for the Blind, under private auspices.

COVENTRY

Coventry Society for the Blind opened the Rose Staner Home for Blind Women.

DORKING

The Jewish Blind Society opened a Home for the Blind at Westcott, near Dorking.

EAST GRINSTEAD

Miss L. Johnstone, Matron of the Sunshine Home for Blind Babies, retired after nineteen years' service. She received the M.B.E. in 1948.

HAYWARD'S HEATH

The Servers of the Blind League opened a Home for the Blind at Bolney Court, near Hayward's Heath, with annexe for private patients.

HEREFORD

The Hereford Association for the Blind opened Hampton Grange as a Home for the Blind.

HOYLAKE

The new Fellowship Holiday Home for the Deaf-Blind, to be maintained by the National Institute for the Blind in co-operation with the National Deaf-Blind Helpers League, was opened.

LEEDS

Leeds Corporation Welfare Committee opened a residential hostel in Stainbeck Lane.

LINCOLN

An exhibition of blind welfare work was held at the Royal Agricultural Show, arranged jointly by the National Institute for the Blind and the Southern Regional Association for the Blind. Similar exhibitions were held in subsequent years at the Shows in York, Shrewsbury, Oxford, and Cambridge.

LONDON

Association of Certificated Blind Masseurs. Mrs. Chaplin Hall, O.B.E., Secretary and Treasurer of the Association for twenty-eight years retired, and was succeeded by Capt. G. Holden, R.N.

Indigent Blind Visiting Society. The Indigent Blind Visiting Society and Metropolitan Society for the Blind formed a joint Executive Council; Mrs. Trevor Edwards was appointed Secretary.

Middlesex Association for the Blind. The County Council took over many duties hitherto performed by the Association, leaving in their hands certain welfare services, including running of Homes for the Blind and responsibility for social centres.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also E. Grinstead, Hoylake.) Mr. P. Way, Principal of the Institute's School of Physiotherapy, retired after 31 years service. N.I.B. opened students' hostel at 79 Holland Park. W.

The Joint Sound Recording Committee of the Institute and St. Dunstan's produced a new and improved Talking Book machine.

The Institute began publication of *The Braille News Summary*, a weekly journal primarily intended to meet the needs of the deaf-blind.

Royal London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind. Dr. J. M. Ritchie was awarded the O.B.E.

Mr. H. R. Nayler, deputy Superintendent, was appointed headmaster of the school.

Drayton Manor, Tring, was opened as a residential school for children from five to eight years.

A residential Club for women workers and trainees was opened at 32 The Avenue, Brondesbury.

St. Dunstan's. The office headquarters were moved to 191 Marylebone Road, N.W.1.

Through the generous gift of the R.A.F., a Holiday and Convalescent Home for the children of St. Dunstaners was opened at Brighton.

A Club for London St. Dunstaners was opened.

Lady (Arthur) Pearson retired from the office of President and was succeeded by her son, Sir Neville Pearson, Bart.

Servers of the Blind League. The League ceased to be responsible for Social Clubs in the London area, but continued its Clubs in the provinces.

Southern Regional Association for the Blind. Miss V. Spenser Wilkinson, Secretary of the Association, was seconded to the N.I.B. to visit Germany for about six months in order to advise on blind welfare services in the British zone.

NEWTON ABBOT

Miss W. L. Adams, Secretary of the Western Counties Association for the Blind (now the Western Regional Association), was appointed an Inspector of Blind Welfare for the Ministry of Health.

Mrs. F. E. Spencer became Secretary of the Western Counties Association, and Miss M. Nuttall Regional Advisory Officer and Supervisor.

RAMSGATE

Kent County Association for the Blind opened a Guest House for the Blind at 32 St. Mildred's Road.

ST. ALBANS

A new wing was opened at St. Raphael's Home for Blind Ladies, under the auspices of St. John's Guild for the Blind.

SHEFFIELD

The Royal Sheffield Institution for the Blind transferred the Blind School to the Sheffield Education Authority. Senior pupils were transferred to York.

TYLER'S GREEN

The Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind opened the Katharine Knapp Home for the Blind.

WORTHING

The Metropolitan Society for the Blind opened Armitage House as a Convalescent and Holiday Home.

St. John's Guild for the Blind opened St. John's Guest House as a Home for Blind Women.

YORK

The Yorkshire School for the Blind transferred its younger pupils to schools for the blind in Sheffield and Newcastle, becoming a school for older pupils.

1948

The year is outstanding for its connection with the beginnings of the "Welfare State." On 5th July the National Assistance Act became operative, wholly repealing the Blind Persons Act 1920, and repealing the major part of the Blind Persons Act 1938. Fuller details of the legislation are given on page 2.

BOURNEMOUTH

The Royal Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland Institution for the Blind opened the Rutland Home for the Blind.

BRIDGEND

The Wales and Monmouthshire Regional Council for the Blind opened Southerndown Rest for the Blind, near Bridgend.

BRIDGNORTH

The National Institute for the Blind provided courses of one year in typing and Braille shorthand for adult students.

BRIGHTON

Centenary of the establishment of Dr. Moon's printing press.

CHELMSFORD

The Essex County Council took over administration of statutory services to the blind in the county.

CHELTENHAM

The Gloucester County Association for the Blind opened a Home for the Blind in Albert Road.

CLACTON

The Essex County Council purchased Tang Hall, Bockings Elm, near Clacton, as a Home for the Blind.

CONDOVER

The National Institute for the Blind opened Condover Hall, near Shrewsbury, as a school for blind children with other handicaps, and appointed Mr. S. O. Myers as Principal. Pupils from the Special School at Abbotskerswell were transferred there.

EDINBURGH

Edinburgh and S.E. of Scotland Society purchased Alwyn House, Ceres, Fife, to be used as a Rehabilitation Centre.

EXETER

The Exeter City Council opened Colleton Lodge as a Home for the Blind.

HARROGATE

Craven Lodge, Harrogate, run jointly as a Home for the Blind by the Harrogate Society for the Blind and N.I.B., was enlarged.

HUDDERSFIELD

The Huddersfield Society for the Blind opened The Holly, March, as a Home for the Blind.

HULL

Mr. A Platt, Secretary and Manager of the Hull and East Riding Blind Institute, visited Poland to advise on conditions for the blind, at the request of the United Nations Organization.

LEATHERHEAD

The workshops of the Royal School for the Blind were damaged by fire.

LEEDS

Leeds Institution for the Blind, and Deaf and Dumb was appointed by the West Riding County Council to provide certain welfare services in the West Riding adjacent to Leeds.

The Leeds Blind Welfare Committee organized a Summer School for the Blind, the first of its kind.

The Northern Counties Association for the Blind changed its title to the North Regional Association for the Blind.

LEYTONSTONE

The Essex County Association for the Blind took over the Homestead Nursing Home as a Nursing Home for the Blind.

LIVERPOOL

Under the regional reorganization scheme of the Ministry of Education, the School for the Indigent Blind, Hardman Street, received technical trainees from Henshaw's Institution, Manchester.

A new brush-making department was opened.

The Liverpool Workshops and Birkenhead Society for the Blind, Inc., provided premises for a Club for the Blind at 124 Dingle Lane.

LONDON

Blind Employment Factory. Retirement of Mr. A. W. Cooper, Manager, a worker at the Factory for nearly forty years. Mr. Cooper remained the Hon. Secretary of the Joint Committee of the London Workshops for the Blind.

Jewish Blind Society. Appointment of Welfare Officer to visit the Jewish blind in the Greater London area; by 1951, there were three Welfare Officers at work, owing to a general expansion of welfare activities.

London Association for the Blind. Adams House, Grove Hill Road, S.E. was opened as a Home for Men.

London County Council. King's House School, Muswell Hill, was bought, to house blind persons formerly living at Copley Dene Hostel, Highgate.

Ministry of Health. Retirement of Miss W. Bramhall, O.B.E., Inspector of Blind Welfare, after twenty-three years' service.

Ministry of Labour and National Service. A Working Party was appointed to investigate facilities for the employment of blind persons. (For Working Party's Report see Bibliography.)

National Institute for the Blind. (See Bridgnorth, Condover, Harrogate, St. Leonards.)

Southern Regional Association for the Blind. Professor A. Sorsby was invited to examine all B.D. 8 certification of blindness forms for the year 1948–49, with view to their assessment.

MANCHESTER

Retirement of Mr. J. Ogden, Appeals Organizer for Henshaw's Institution for the Blind, with which he had been associated, as pupil and worker, for over fifty years.

MORPETH

Northumberland County Council opened the Nicholas Garrow Home for the Blind at Hepscott, Morpeth.

NEWTON ABBOT

The Western Counties Association for the Blind set up a Sub-Committee to consider the needs of the deaf-blind.

READING

The Berkshire County Blind Society opened Mortimer House, Mortimer, as a Home for the Blind.

REIGATE

The Ellen Terry National Homes (Servers of Blind League) were nationalized with the passing of the National Health Service Act.

ST. LEONARDS ON SEA

The N.I.B. reopened its Convalescent and Holiday Home, rebuilt after bomb damage in 1942.

SHREWSBURY

The Royal Normal College, Rowton Castle, opened new Assembly Hall.

SOUTHPORT

Henshaw's Institution for the Blind opened the Mary Ann Scott Home.

STOCKPORT

The Institute for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb moved to new and better premises, adjoining those formerly occupied.

YORK

The Yorkshire School for the Blind acquired Dringthorpe Estate, and adapted the house as a hostel for technical trainees.

1949

ANDOVER

The Hants Association for the Blind opened Eastfield House as a Residential and Holiday Home.

BIRMINGHAM

Extension of Junior Branch of the school of the Royal Institution for the Blind at Lickey Grange, Bromsgrove, providing for children from five to eight years.

Resignation of Mr. Wilfred Mathews, Chairman of the Royal Institution Committee for twenty-five years, and a member since 1920.

BRISTOL

The Royal Blind Asylum opened its third Home for the Blind at 2 The Glen, Durdham Park.

DUNDEE

Resignation of Mr. W. C. Leng, LL.D., from Board of the Royal Dundee Institution for the Blind, after forty-six years' service.

The Dundee Mission to the Blind appointed Miss E. Alcorn as Superintendent in succession to Mr. A. Moltman, who retired after forty-nine years in blind work.

EASTBOURNE

The Eastbourne Society for the Social Welfare of the Blind opened a Home at The Wolds, College Road.

GLASGOW

The Mission to the Outdoor Blind appointed Mr. L. Stirling as Superintendent, in succession to Mr. T. J. Mulholland, a member of the staff of the Mission from 1910.

HARROGATE

The N.I.B. opened the William Tate Home for the Deaf-Blind in Queen's Parade, on the expiration of the lease of its Home in Cold Bath Road.

HATFIELD

The Herts Society for the Blind opened a Home for the Blind.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffs)

The N.I.B. opened the Bernhard Baron Sunshine Home for Blind Babies, made possible by the generosity of the Bernhard Baron Trust.

LEAMINGTON

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association extended its Training Centre.

LEEDS

The North Regional Association for the Blind initiated a long course of training for home teachers; shorter courses and refresher courses had been held for many years.

LEWES

The East Sussex Association for the Blind opened a Home for the Blind at Admiralty House, Wallands Crescent.

LIVERPOOL

The Liverpool School for the Blind, Wavertree, opened the Wilfred Pickles pleasure garden.

Opening by the Liverpool School of domestic science training department.

LONDON

Advisory Council on the Welfare of the Handicapped. Appointment of Lord Rushcliffe as Chairman and Mr. Edward Evans, M.P., as Vice-Chairman; later in the year, Lord Rushcliffe resigned for reasons of health and Mr. Evans succeeded him.

Guild of Blind Gardeners. The administration of the Guild was transferred to the National Institute for the Blind.

London County Council. Opening of North House, Wimbledon, as ancillary to Linden Lodge Residential School for the Blind, Wandsworth.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Harrogate, Kingswinford, Oxford.) H.M. the King approved a Royal Charter of Incorporation.

The Institute's Council decided, at its discretion, to accept borderline cases of defective vision for education, rehabilitation and training.

Retirement of Mr. W. McG. Eagar, C.B.E., Secretary-General from 1928 to 1949, and an active worker in many fields of blind welfare. He was succeeded by Mr. J. C. Colligan, Assistant Secretary since 1945, Mr. J. A. Godfrey being appointed Finance Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

Science Museum. The Science Museum at South Kensington held a special Exhibition for the Blind.

Southern Regional Association for the Blind. A one year course of training for home teachers was inaugurated.

NORTHAMPTON

Northampton Town and County Association for the Blind opened a Home for the Blind at Raunds, near Wellingborough.

OXFORD

An International Conference of Workers for the Blind, on The Place of the Blind in the Modern World, organized by the N.I.B. and the American Foundation for the Blind, met at Merton College.

PRESTON

The School for the Partially Sighted opened a new wing.

RADNOR

Radnor Association for the Blind was founded.

SHEFFIELD

Sheffield School for Blind Children appointed Mr. F. Tooze as headmaster in succession to Mr. G. W. Bloomfield.

SHREWSBURY

The Royal Normal College for the Blind completed new buildings at Rowton Castle for its Typewriting department, with workshop also for piano-tuners, music room, and provision for Braille books.

STOKE ON TRENT

The Blind and Deaf School closed its blind department (founded in 1897) and transferred the pupils to the Royal Institution for the Blind, Birmingham.

SWINDON

The Wiltshire County Association for the Blind opened a Home for the Blind in Westlecott Road.

TRURO

The Cornwall County Association for the Blind opened a Home for the Blind at Malabar, Highertown.

WORTHING

The West Sussex County Council took over the administration of the Home for the Blind in Byron Road.

An extension to the St. John's Guest House for the Blind was dedicated by the Bishop of Lewes.

YORK

The Yorkshire School for the Blind reconstituted its Board of Management and its Committees, to secure closer co-operation with Local Education authority and the City Council.

1950

BELFAST

The N.I.B. inaugurated a Northern Ireland branch.

BICKLEY

The London Association for the Blind closed Cooper Lodge Home for Blind Women. (See Horley.)

BIRMINGHAM

The Royal Institution for the Blind enlarged its bedding and upholstery departments.

Retirement of Mr. G. H. Cuming Butler, Hon. Secretary and member of the Committee for fifty years.

BOLTON

The Bolton Workshops and Home for the Blind appointed Mr. T. Makin to succeed Mr. T. Wharton, Superintendent for over twenty years.

BOURNEMOUTH

The Blind Aid Society opened an extension to the Rooper Home for the Blind.

BRIGHTON

Reopening (after extensive alterations) of St. Dunstan's Convalescent Home, Portland Place, providing permanent residence, or extended treatment or convalescence.

BRISTOL

The Royal School of Industry for the Blind opened a swimming pool.

CHORLEYWOOD

A Summer School for students and teachers of music was held under the auspices of the N.I.B. at Chorleywood College.

DUMFERMLINE

West Fife Branch of the Fife Society for the Blind was founded.

DUMFRIES

Retirement of Mr. A. Robb, for thirty-seven years a worker for the Mission to the Outdoor Blind for Dumfries and Galloway.

DUNSTABLE

The Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind purchased premises for a hostel.

EAST GRINSTEAD

H.R.H. Princess Margaret, Patron of the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies, visited the Beachcroft Towse Sunshine Home.

EAST MOLESEY

The Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind opened Camden House as a hostel for the blind.

EDINBURGH

The Royal Blind Asylum and School acquired new premises in Blacket Place for a Residential Club, in place of 21 Craigmillar Park, thus set free for use as a school for doubly handicapped children. A house in Savile Terrace, adjoining the School, was also acquired as a nursery annexe, to be known as Barrie House.

FELIXSTOWE

The Ipswich Blind Society opened a Home for the Blind in Princes Road.

GLASGOW

Retirement of Mr. W. R. Halliday, for many years a home teacher for the Mission to the Outdoor Blind for Glasgow and the West of Scotland.

HORLEY

The London Association for the Blind opened Cooper Lodge as a Home for Blind Women, some with physical or mental disabilities.

HOVE

The N.I.B. opened an annexe to its Home for Blind Women, for those needing nursing care.

INVERNESS

The Northern Counties Institute for the Blind appointed Mr. R. M. Milne as Industrial Manager in succession to Mr. W. Gray.

LEATHERHEAD

The Rev. B. G. Bartlett was appointed Principal of the Royal School for the Blind in succession to the late Rev. E. H. Griffiths.

LEEDS

Retirement of Mr. A. Andrews, Headmaster of Blenheim School for the Deaf and Partially Blind since 1933.

The Leeds Institution for the Blind purchased Lyndhurst Hotel, New Brighton, to be used as a Home for the Blind (Holiday and Residential).

LIVERPOOL

The School for the Blind added a gymnasium to its Hardman Street buildings.

Opening of new boot-repairing room for technical trainees.

LONDON

British Empire Society for the Blind. This Society was founded, with Mr. J. Wilson, formerly an Assistant Secretary of the National Institute for the Blind, as Secretary.

International Congress of Ophthalmology. At the 16th Congress, an Exhibition of Industrial and Social Ophthalmology was held.

Jewish Blind Society. The Society completed a new wing at its Dorking Home, enabling sixty-two persons to be accommodated.

The Home opened in 1939 at Bushey was closed, and its residents transferred to 1 Craven Hill, Lancaster Gate.

National Institute for the Blind. (See Belfast, Chorleywood, East Grinstead, Hove, Torquay, and Wellington.)

Mr. P. T. Mayhew, head of the Music Department of the Institute, and a worker there for over forty-seven years, retired.

National Library for the Blind. Miss J. E. Alexander was appointed Chief Librarian in succession to Miss C. K. Garvie.

Royal London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind. Retirement of Dr. J. M. Ritchie, chief officer of the Society for thirty-five years. He was succeeded as Superintendent by Mr. H. R. Nayler.

Miss G. Radford retired, after forty-six years' service as a member of the teaching staff.

Southern Regional Association for the Blind. The Association incorporated the L.C.C. Register of blind persons in its Central Register.

An ophthalmic referee service, with panel of advisory ophthalmic surgeons, was set up.

MANCHESTER

Henshaw's Institution for the Blind introduced the making of interior spring mattresses into its workshop.

MARGATE

The Jewish Blind Society opened the Dolly Ross Holiday Home.

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE

Resignation of Mr. W. Eckford, Chairman of the Newcastle, Gateshead, and Northumberland Workshops for the Blind, after forty years' association with the work.

PETERBOROUGH

Mr. A. R. Sculthorpe was appointed General Secretary of the National Deaf-Blind Helpers League.

PORTSMOUTH

Retirement of Miss H. Bradfield, for twenty-one years a home teacher on the staff of the Hants Association for the Blind, and an authority on the teaching of Moon.

SHILLINGTON

The Beds County Council, with the co-operation of the North and South Bedfordshire Societies for the Welfare of the Blind, opened a Home for the Blind at Parton Hall.

TORQUAY

The N.I.B. opened Manor House as an extension of the work begun at America Lodge, for the rehabilitation of the newly-blind.

TYNEMOUTH

The Tynemouth Blind Welfare Society opened Pearey House as a recreational centre.

WELLINGTON (Shropshire)

The N.I.B. opened a Sunshine Home for Blind Babies at Overley Hall, near Wellington.

YORK

A North-Eastern Branch of the College of Teachers of the Blind was inaugurated at York.

1951

ABERDEEN

The Royal Aberdeen Asylum for the Blind appointed Mr. I. Smith to succeed Mr. J. Balfour, Manager for twenty-six years.

ALLOA

Retirement of Miss J. Lindsay, Superintendent of the Society for Teaching the Blind in Stirling and Clackmannan, for thirty years a worker for the Society.

BANGOR

The North Wales Society for the Blind transferred its home teaching service to the County Council, but retained supervision of home workers and certain welfare services.

Retirement of Miss Jenny Owen, a home teacher for nearly forty-eight years; she had done much in the interests of prevention of blindness.

BARROW IN FURNESS

Retirement of Capt. F. H. Robinson, Secretary of the Barrow, Furness, and Westmorland Society for the Blind for twenty-five years.

BATLEY

The Institution for the Blind of Dewsbury, Batley and District opened Highfield Home for the Blind.

BRIDGEND

Appointment of Mr. G. Exley as Principal of the Glamorgan Institution for the Blind, in succession to the late Mr. F. E. Hewitt.

The Glamorgan Institution opened a Kindergarten department.

BRIDGNORTH

The School for Shorthand-typing and Telephony at Oldbury Grange was transferred to London, and the N.I.B. opened Oldbury Grange as a Holiday Home for the Blind.

BRIGHTON

St. Dunstan's appointed Miss F. Renshaw as Matron of their Training Centre for the Blind, in succession to Miss D. Pain, who retired as matron after thirty-five years' work for St. Dunstan's.

BRISTOL

The Royal Blind Asylum opened an extension to its Home at 2 The Glen.

CARDIFF

The Wales and Monmouth Regional Council for the Blind moved from Southerndown, near Bridgend, to 91–92 St. Mary Street, Cardiff.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester laid the foundation stone of new buildings for the Cardiff Institute for the Blind.

COVENTRY

The Coventry Society for the Blind opened a Home for the Blind in Warwick Road.

DURSLEY

The Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind, in co-operation with the County Council, opened a Home at Ferney Hill.

EAST HAM

A hostel for the blind was opened at Forest Gate.

EPSOM

The London Association for the Blind completed its flats at Swail House, giving accommodation for a further seventy persons.

EXETER

Exeter Society for the Blind opened a new Social Centre.

HALIFAX

Retirement of Mr. R. Wilkinson, Organizing Secretary of the Halifax Society for the Blind, after thirty years' service; Mr. B. Illingworth succeeded him.

Control of the Workshops and Hostel of the Society was transferred to the Welfare Services Committee.

KINGSTHORPE

The Northampton Town and County Association for the Blind opened a Home for Blind Men at Wardington Court.

LEEDS

Mr. J. Challinor, Secretary of the North Regional Association for the Blind, was made an M.B.E.

LEICESTER

The Royal Leicester Institution for the Blind Workshops were visited by H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent.

The Institution purchased Lyndwood Home for the Blind.

Mr. T. W. Myers was appointed General Secretary in succession to the late Mr. C. R. Holt.

LONDON

College of Teachers of the Blind. In connection with the Festival of Britain, and in co-operation with the College of Preceptors, the College of Teachers and the N.I.B. arranged a demonstration of methods of blind education.

London Association for the Blind. The Association purchased the freehold of 96 Peckham Road, and also approved a scheme for building offices in Peckham Road, to replace those destroyed by enemy action.

National Institute for the Blind. (See also Bridgnorth.) A

residential Training College for shorthand-typists and telephonists was opened at 5 Pembridge Place, Bayswater.

Dr. Ernest Whitfield, a distinguished blind musician and former member of the Executive Council of the Institute, was created a baron for political and social services. He had been associated with work for the blind both here, in Canada, and in the United States.

Canon C. E. Bolam, Hon. Chief Chaplain to the Institute and for many years a member of its Executive Council, resigned on leaving England. A blind man himself, he did much to help and advise blind men wishing to take Holy Orders.

OLDHAM

Retirement of Mr. C. A. Coward, Superintendent of the Blind Women's Industries since 1932.

PRESTON

Preston Institute for Blind Welfare opened the William Wilding Galloway Home for the Aged Blind at Penwortham.

SKEGNESS

The Royal Midland Institution, Nottingham, opened a Home for the Aged Blind, with holiday annexe for blind workers and their families.

SWANLEY

The Ministry of Health opened a unit for treatment of tuberculosis of the eye, the first of its kind in this country, at White Oak Hospital, to be administered by Moorfields Hospital.

TREFOREST

The Glamorgan County Council transferred workers from the Pontypridd and District Institution for the Blind to a new municipal Workshop for the Blind at Treforest Trading Estate.

WORTHING

The Metropolitan Society for the Blind opened an extension to its Home for the Blind at Armitage House.

YORK

The Yorkshire School for the Blind appointed Mr. W. Cunliffe as Principal.

OBITURARY (1931–1951)

AINSWORTH, Miss C. .	1944	Worker for the blind in Eastbourne and authority on teaching of Braille.
ARMITAGE, Miss A. .	1949	President and Hon. Secretary, National Council for the Blind of Ireland.
ARMITAGE, Mr. A. .	1936	Hon. Treasurer, Royal Midland Institution, Nottingham, for twenty-two years.
AYERST, Col. . .	1934	President, Braille Missionary Union
BAINBRIGGE, Miss E. .	1932	Secretary, London Home Teaching Society for many years.
BARKER, G. . .	1937	One-time Chairman, Henshaw's Institution, Manchester.
BATTY, J. H. . .	1945	Executive Council N.I.B. for twenty-two years and one-time Hon. Treasurer. Donor of Chorleywood College.
BELL, Miss L. . .	1944	Staff, Royal Normal College.
BENNETT, W. H. .	1939	Inspector, Ministry of Health, and former Superintendent, Royal Midland Institution.
BLACK, J. W., Ald. . .		Chairman, Royal Institution, Leicester, for twenty-one years.
BLANESBURGH, Lord .	1946	Chairman, National Library, and Ministry of Health Advisory Committee.
BLOXAM, Miss L. .	1945	Founder and Editor, *Weekly Summary*.
BLYTH, Ormond. .	1947	First Chairman, G.L.F., Hon. Treasurer L.A.B., and Chairman Incorporated Association for General Welfare of the Blind (1919–29).
BOOKEY, A.E. . .	1949	Chief Accountant N.I.B. (1941–47).
BOX, F. B. . .	1946	Chairman, North London Homes (1928–45)
BOYD-ROCHFORT, Miss	1941	Matron, St. Dunstan's.
BROWN, G. C. . .	1944	Headmaster, Worcester College (1913–38).
BROWN, Mrs. Montagu	1944	Hon. Secretary, Berks Blind Society since 1920, and member of Advisory Committee.
BROWNE, J. L. . .	1936	Hon. Secretary, Catholic Blind Asylum.

Bryant, Major T.	1937	One-time Chairman, Eastern Counties Association.
Burgess, Miss I. V.	1938	One-time Secretary, North-Western Counties Association.
Burgess, Miss O.	1941	Secretary, Chester Blind Welfare Society.
Burns, Dr. T.	1938	Chairman, Royal Blind Asylum, Edinburgh.
Campbell, Lady	1933	Widow of Sir Francis Campbell, Royal Normal College.
Campbell, Mrs. Guy	1939	Former Principal, Royal Normal College.
Campbell, Sir Edward	1945	Chairman, Royal Normal College.
Cleaver, Miss D.	1945	Secretary, National Association of Blind Workers.
Clyde, R..	1949	President, Home for the Blind, Belfast.
Cobham, Viscount	1949	Chairman, Worcester College.
Coghill, H.	1934	Branch Secretary, N.I.B. (Yorkshire).
Comber, Miss M.	1931	President and former Hon. Secretary, North-Western Counties Association.
Cooper, J. S.	1935	Assistant Master, Worcester College.
Cope, Ald. S.	1944	Chairman, Child Memorial Home, Wakefield (1925–44)
Cresswell, Miss L.	1940	Hon. Secretary, Cardigan Association for the Blind.
Crew, E.	1939	Founder and Past President, Wycliffe Society, Leicester.
Cridland, A. B.	1934	Ophthalmic surgeon and member of Union of Counties Prevention of Blindness Committee.
Crosfield, J.	1940	Vice-President, Hants Association for the Blind.
Cross, A. S.	1951	Chairman, Liverpool Workshops for fifteen years, and former member North Regional Association.
Cummings, A. T.	1951	Employment Officer, N.I.B.
Danckwerts, Mrs.	1940	Committee of National Library for the Blind and National Uniform Type Committee.
Davidson, I.	1935	Music Master, Henshaw's Institution, Manchester.
Davidson, J. T.	1946	Secretary, Fife Society for the Blind for thirty-three years.
Davies, Miss L.	1948	Home teacher, North Wales Society for the Blind for forty-one years.

DAVIES, T. C.	1950	Blind Welfare Department, Glamorgan County Council.
DAY, F. E. C.	1941	Chief Accountant, N.I.B.
DEACON, Sir H. Wade	1932	Committee member and President, Liverpool School for the Blind.
DEAS, Charlton, J.	1951	Director, Sunderland Museum and Art Gallery.
DEBNAM, Rev. E. J.	1933	Superintendent-Secretary, North London Homes.
DIXSON, W.	1931	Founder, Oxford Home Teaching Society, Oxford Students' Library for the Blind.
DONISTHORPE, H.	1939	Vice-President and Committee member, Leicester Institution for the Blind.
DOWDELL, Dr. E. G.	1950	Chairman, Oxford Society for the Blind, and President, National Federation of the Blind.
DUNCOMBE, Mrs. A.	1936	Founder, Guild of Blind Gardeners.
DU VAL, Mrs.	1947	Voluntary transcriber, Students' Library, N.I.B. for twenty years.
EASTMAN, W. H.	1936	Hull and East Riding Institute, and Executive, N.I.B.
EASTWOOD, A. E.	1949	Chairman and afterwards President, Somerset County Association.
EDGAR, W.	1951	Superintendent, Fife Society for the Blind.
EICHHOLZ, Dr. A.	1933	Chief Medical Officer, Board of Education, for many years.
EICHHOLZ, W.	1943	Donor of the Alfred Eichholz Memorial Clinic and Institute of Massage to the N.I.B.
EVANS, Dr. P.M.	1944	Vice-Chairman, Advisory Committee, Vice-Chairman, National Library, Chairman, Union of the Counties Associations, Chairman, Metropolitan Society for the Blind, Vice-President, N.I.B.
EVERY, Rev. H..	1945	Hon. Secretary, Devon County Association for many years.
FAGAN, Sir Patrick	1942	Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Royal London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind.
FALCONER, Miss J. I.	1949	Principal, Birmingham Royal Institution for many years, and Vice-President, College of Teachers.
FINLAY, Miss Walker	1951	Early worker for the Sunshine Homes, N.I.B.

Flanagan, J. W.	1941	Chairman, Blind Persons Act Committee, Bradford.
Ford, J. A.	1933	Stereotyping Department, N.I.B. for many years.
Frankland, T. M.	1947	Secretary, Eastern Branch, N.I.B. since 1939.
Gasking, W. R.	1936	Liverpool Workshops. Founder of Holiday Fund for Blind Workers.
Gilligan, W. A.	1940	Chairman, L.A.B. 1924–31.
Gladstone, Miss B.	1950	Secretary, Hunts. Society for the Blind.
Graham, Dr. J.	1931	Director of Education, Leeds, member of Advisory Committee and of Northern Counties Association.
Green, E.	1944	President, Liverpool School for the Blind (1938–44).
Griffiths, Miss B.	1933	Committee, North-Western Counties Association for the Blind.
Griffiths, Rev. E. H.	1950	Principal, Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead.
Grimwood, Miss Z.	1941	Founder and Editor of *The Braille Packet*.
Hamilton, G. H.	1944	Council, N.I.B. for many years.
Hamilton, Mrs.	1935	Secretary, Indigent Blind Visiting Society.
Hanley, J. A.	1935	Headmaster, Henshaw's Institution.
Harman, Dr. Bishop	1945	Ophthalmic consultant, London County Council.
Harris, H. M.	1950	Secretary, Jewish Blind Society for twenty-seven years and later Vice-President and Hon. Secretary.
Healey, Rev. T.	1933	Hon. Secretary, Hastings Voluntary Association.
Henderson, Alex.	1950	General Secretary, National League of the Blind.
Hewison, J. L. P. W.	1940	Chairman, Southern Regional Association.
Hewitt, F. E.	1951	Principal, Glamorgan Institution, Bridgend.
Heywood, Miss I.	1940	Founder, Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society, and worker for the blind in the northern counties for forty years.
Hoare, W. H.	1947	Vice-Chairman, Southern Regional Association.
Holbrook, Canon P.	1946	Vice-President, Royal Midland Institution, Nottingham.

HOLME, G.	1947	Co-founder and for many years Secretary of Fellowship House, Hoylake.
HOLT, C. R.	1950	Secretary, Royal Leicester Institution.
HOLT, T.	1933	Hants Association for the Blind, Advisory Committee on the Welfare of the Blind.
HOOLE, Miss O.	1947	Home teacher, Bournemouth Blind Aid Association for many years.
HUGHES, J. S.	1946	Headmaster, Brighton School for Blind Boys (1908–46).
HUGHES-BULLER, R.	1949	Vice-President, N.I.B. and Vice-Chairman (1937–41).
IRVING, J..	1942	Superintendent, Mission to the Outdoor Blind, Glasgow.
JAMES, A. H.	1948	In charge of music department, Royal Blind School, Bristol.
JONES, Miss D.	1933	Secretary, Metropolitan Society for the Blind, and Hon. Secretary of Union of Counties Associations.
JONES, Miss E.	1945	Kindergarten mistress, Birmingham Royal Institution.
JONES, Sir R.	1933	President, Association of Certificated Blind Masseurs.
JONES, J. H.	1942	Walsall, Wednesbury and District Society.
JOSEPH, E.	1945	Jewish Blind Society.
JOSEPH, Dr. G.	1936	Vice-Chairman, Northern Counties Association for the Blind.
KEIR, R.	1951	Home teacher, Glasgow Mission to the Outdoor Blind.
KELLAND, Ald. W.	1943	Chairman, Blind Persons Act Committee, Middlesex.
KERRIDGE, Dr. P.	1940	Deaf-Blind Welfare Sub-Committee, N.I.B.
KESSELL, E.	1948	Treasurer, St. Dunstan's for eighteen years.
KNAPP, Mrs.	1942	Chairman, General Purposes Committee N.I.B., member Bucks. Association, etc.
KNILL, W.	1936	Secretary, West of England Institution, Exeter, for over forty years.
LAMBERT, A.	1944	Chairman, Leeds Institution, for many years.

LAMINGTON, Lord	1940	Chairman, Royal Normal College for over thirty years.
LAWSON, Sir A.	1947	Chairman, St. Dunstan's Ophthalmic Advisory Board.
LEESE, Ald. H.	1946	Chairman, Blind Welfare Committee, Stoke on Trent.
LESTER, Mrs.	1948	Staff, Leeds School for the Blind for over forty years.
LILE, Miss A.	1951	Chairman, Hastings Voluntary Association for nearly twenty-one years.
LISTER, Mrs.	1947	Hon. Secretary, East Sussex Association.
LOVETT, F. R.	1935	Principal in Charge of the Department of Blind Welfare, Ministry of Health from 1926 until his death.
LOWTHER, Hon. C.	1935	Chairman and Hon. Treasurer, Servers of the Blind League for eleven years.
LUCAS, Ald. C.	1940	Committee, Royal Institution for the Blind, Birmingham for many years.
MCCARTHY, Sister J.	1943	Catholic Blind Asylum, Liverpool.
MACAULAY, C.	1948	Manager, Collecting Agency, Midland Societies.
MCCURDY, Rt. Hon. C.	1941	Hon. Adviser on Propaganda, N.I.B.
MACDIARMID, J. D.	1949	Hon. Secretary, Aberdeen Town and County Association from 1906. Secretary, Scottish National Federation.
MACGREGOR, E. D.	1950	Principal, Blind Welfare Department, Ministry of Health from its inception until 1926.
MADDOCKS, S. M.	1934	Headmaster, Sheffield School for the Blind for thirty-three years.
MALTMAN, A. J.	1951	Superintendent, Dundee Mission to the Blind.
MAXFIELD, Miss E.	1940	Hon. Secretary, Sheffield Home Mission for the Blind
MERIVALE, Miss J.	1945	Committee, Oxford Society for the Blind, N.I.B. Council, and Union of Counties Associations.
MERRICK, F. J.	1943	Author, *First Steps in Chess*.
MILLS, Rev. Barton	1932	Member, Inc. Association for General Welfare of Blind.
MOYNIHAN, of Leeds, Lord	1936	President, Association of Certificated Blind Masseurs.
NESS, C. W.	1933	Superintendent, Edinburgh and South East of Scotland Society for twenty-two years.

O'Dwyer, Sir Michael	1940	Vice-Chairman, N.I.B., 1923–30.
Offord, W. G.	1951	Home teacher, Colchester Society for the Blind.
O'Neill, H. D.	1946	Member of Council of Incorporated Association for Promoting General Welfare of the Blind, and Chairman (1929–42).
Oliver, Ald. G.	1939	Chairman, Blind Persons Act Committee, Newcastle on Tyne.
Osborn, T. G.	1937	Music master, Royal London Society for Teaching the Blind, for many years.
Paris, Ald, J.	1940	Chairman, Merseyside Committee.
Pease, Miss R.	1951	Vice-President, Bristol Royal Blind Asylum.
Pegram, T.	1948	President and previously Chairman (and Hon. Secretary), Liverpool Workshops.
Percy, Lord Algernon	1933	President, Warwickshire Association for the Blind.
Phipps, Dame Jessie	1934	Chairman, Central Council for London Blind 1926–31.
Pierce, F.	1950	Founder, National League of the Blind, Blackpool.
Plant, Harvey	1940	Committee, Greater London Fund, and National Library for the Blind.
Platt, H. E.	1944	Music Master, Royal Institution for the Blind, Birmingham, for over fifty years.
Plenderleath, Capt. C.	1937	Past President, West of England Institution, Exeter.
Pocock, G.	1933	Hon. Secretary, Royal Blind Pensions Society.
Pollard, Capt. G. E. F.	1932	Secretary, London Association for the Blind.
Preece, H. C.	1937	Secretary, Greater London Fund.
Priestley, Miles	1947	Secretary, Bradford Royal Institution, Superintendent Royal Midland Institution, and Inspector, Blind Welfare (Ministry of Health).
Priestman, F.	1934	Chairman, Royal Institution for the Blind, Bradford, for many years.
Pritchard, Dr. E.	1943	Physician to Sunshine Homes (N.I.B.).
Purse, Ben	1950	Head, Services to the Blind Department, N.I.B.
Ritchie, Miss Monroe	1942	Secretary, Brighton Society for the Blind (retired 1938).

Roach, Rev. F. H.	1951	Chairman, Lindsey Blind Society, and County Council Blind Welfare Committee.
Roberts, Major J.	1938	Secretary, North Wales Society for the Blind.
Robertson, G.	1951	Vice-Chairman for many years of Newcastle and Gateshead Home Teaching Society.
Robertson, W.	1940	Superintendent, Royal Victoria School, Newcastle.
Rose, Ald. H. E.	1943	Chairman, Liverpool Blind Persons Act Committee.
Ross, W. H.	1944	Founder of the Ross Foundation, Edinburgh.
Royston, H.	1948	Secretary, Blind Social Aid and Literary Union.
Russell, Miss A.	1947	Senior Music Mistress, Royal School for the Blind, Edinburgh until 1946.
Rutland, His Grace the Duke of.	1940	President, Royal Leicester Institution.
Sanders, Ald. T. H.	1947	Chairman, Southampton Association for the Blind.
Saunders, Col.	1938	Braille Instructor, Students' Library (N.I.B.).
Schuster, Lady K.	1950	Hon. Organizer, Guide Dogs Association for many years.
Scott, Ald. C. J.	1947	Chairman, Blind Persons Act Committee, Northampton.
Scott, Miss E. R.	1947	Co-Editor (with Miss Bloxam) *Weekly Summary*.
Shelmerdine, N.	1943	Hon. Manager, Workshops for the Blind, Cheltenham since 1920.
Sherman, G.	1946	Manager, Belfast Association for the Employment of the Blind.
Shipsides, J. W.	1951	Technical Instructor, Liverpool School for the Blind, where he worked for forty-five years.
Siddall, A.	1941	Founder member, Northern Counties Association, home teacher, Rochdale Society for the Blind, for many years.
Slattery, Fr. W.	1944	Chaplain, Catholic Blind Asylum, Liverpool.
Smith, Lawley.	1934	Committee, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Districts Institution for the Blind.
Smith, Dr. Priestley	1932	Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon, Birmingham Royal Institution.
Smith, W. J.	1938	President, Liverpool School for the Blind from 1932.

SMYTH, Harold	1951	President, Liverpool School for the Blind (1944–51), and previously Hon. Secretary.
STACPOOLE, Mrs.	1940	Indigent Blind Visiting Society.
STAFFORD, Col. H. L.	1948	Braille expert, and voluntary writer for the Students' Library (N.I.B.).
STANER, Mrs.	1949	Hon. Secretary, Coventry Society for the Blind for many years.
STODDART, T.	1932	Superintendent, Royal Asylum for the Blind, Glasgow, for some years, and member of the Departmental Committee of 1914.
STONE, W. M.	1943	Headmaster and Superintendent, Royal School for the Blind, Edinburgh (1905–33), Principal of the Royal Normal College (1934–7) and for many years associated with the College of Teachers of the Blind.
STUART, C. W.	1935	Braille Secretary, National Deaf-Blind Helpers League.
TALBOT, W. S.	1935	N.I.B. Council member from 1923, and Chairman of its Publications Committee for some years.
TATE, W.	1943	Worker for the blind and deaf-blind for seventy years. Associated with Bradford Royal Institution, Northern Counties Association, Advisory Committee, etc.
TAYLOR, Mrs. E.	1947	Editor of *Braille Rainbow* from its inception until 1941.
TAYLOR, W. E.	1939	Hon. Treasurer, Catholic Blind Asylum, Liverpool.
THELLUSSON, Miss A.	1937	Matron, St. Dunstan's.
THURMAN, W. H.	1943	Director of Henshaw's Institution (1931–37), Superintendent and Secretary, Royal Institution, Birmingham, and Ministry of Health Inspector.
TIVEY, C.	1950	Member of teaching staff, Henshaw's Institution.
TOMLINSON, M.	1949	Executive Officer, Blind Persons Act Committee, Bury (Lancs).
TOWSE, Capt. Sir Beachcroft, V.C.	1948	President, National Institute for the Blind, Vice-President, St. Dunstan's, British Legion, and G.L.F.
TROUP, Miss S. M.	1944	Editor, *Channels of Blessing*.

TRUMBLE, Ald. J.	1941	Chairman, Croydon Blind Persons Welfare Committee.
TURNER, A. K.	1941	Founder and many years Secretary, Boston and Holland Blind Society.
URMSON, Miss B.	1939	Secretary, Midland Counties Association for the Blind, and Oxford Society for the Blind.
VULLIAMY, Miss V.	1942	Pioneer in physical education of the blind, and member of the staff of the Royal London Society.
WAGG, H. J.	1949	Hon. Secretary, Barclay Workshops for Blind Women for many years, Vice-Chairman, N.I.B. (1941–45) and Acting Chairman (1945–47).
WALFORD, H.	1931	Founder and first Hon. Secretary, Reading Blind Aid Society.
WARREN, J. Crosby	1931	Hon. Secretary and Hon. Solicitor, Royal Midland Institution, Nottingham, for many years.
WARRILOW, H. C.	1939	Director of Music, National Institute for the Blind (1916–34).
WATSON, Sir J. M.	1942	Chairman, Henshaw's Institution, Manchester, for fifteen years.
WESTWOOD, W. O.	1947	Home teacher, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Districts Institution, for nearly twenty-nine years.
WHITTAM, J.	1946	Chairman, National League, and Council, Northern Counties Association for the Blind for some years.
WHYTE, J. F.	1934	Secretary and Manager, Sunderland Royal Institution.
WILKINS, H. Martyn	1951	Hon. Treasurer, North London Homes.
WILLANS, Major General	1943	Secretary and General Manager, Incorporated Association for General Welfare of the Blind (1928–33).
WILSON, G.	1933	Chairman, Aberdeen Asylum for the Blind.
WILSON, H. J.	1931	Secretary, Gardner's Trust for the Blind (1882–1922), first Vice-Chairman, Advisory Committee on the Welfare of the Blind.

WILSON, T. . . .	1946	Vice-Chairman, Royal Blind Asylum, Edinburgh, and associated with its work for over forty years.
WORTLEY, Major . .	1939	Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Royal Institution for the Blind, Sheffield.

BRITISH WIRELESS FOR THE BLIND FUND—CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Appeal was broadcast on Christmas Day by the following speakers—

1931 The Rt. Hon. Lord Snowden.
1932 The Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald.
1933 The Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George, O.M.
1934 The Unknown Blind Man.
1935 The Rt. Hon. Lord Sankey.
1936 Mr. Christopher Stone.
1937 Mr. Christopher Stone.
1938 The Rt. Hon. Lord Southwood.
1939 The Unknown Blind Man.
1940 The Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin.
1941 A civilian who lost his sight by enemy action.
1942 Mr. Ben Purse.
1943 The Rt. Hon. Lord Woolton, C.H.
1944 No appeal was made, but Sir Ian Fraser, M.P., gave an account of the work of the Fund.
1945 Mr. Christopher Stone.
1946 The Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, M.P.
1947 The Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin.
1948 The Rt. Hon. Sir Norman Birkett.
1949 Mr. Sandy Macpherson.
1950 The Rt. Hon. Lord Jowitt.
1951 Mrs. Winston Churchill.

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